

# REPORTS

OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

## TOWN OF LEXINGTON,

FOR THE YEAR 1887-1888.



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## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

## LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS,

FOR 1887-88.

SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF POOR, AND SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.  
WEBSTER SMITH. ALBERT W. BRYANT.

CHARLES T. WEST.

TOWN CLERK.  
LEONARD A. SAVILLE.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES.  
EDWIN S. SPAULDING.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.  
EDWARD P. BLISS, Term expires in 1890.  
ALBERT W. BRYANT, Term expires in 1889.  
MISS ELLEN A. STONE, Term expires in 1888.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.  
TIMOTHY H. BOWEN, Term expires in 1890.  
ABBOTT S. MITCHELL, Term expires in 1889.  
LUKE W. WRIGHT, Term expires in 1888.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CARY LIBRARY CONSISTS OF THE SELECTMEN,  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, AND SETTLED CLERGYMEN OF THE TOWN.

TRUSTEES OF GAMMELL LEGACY.  
MRS. LUCY M. R. WHITING. MISS LUCY N. BLODGETT.

TRUSTEES OF BRIDGE CHARITABLE FUND.  
GEORGE O. DAVIS, Term expires in 1893.  
ALBERT W. BRYANT, Term expires in 1891.  
GEORGE E. MUZZEY, Term expires in 1889. (Treasurer.)

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.  
WILLIAM B. FOSTER. EDWIN J. B. NOURSE.  
WILLARD WALCOTT.

CONSTABLES.  
ABBOTT S. MITCHELL. HENRY E. BISHOP.

LIBRARIAN OF CARY LIBRARY.  
MISS GRACE S. WELLINGTON.

## AUDITORS.

HILMAN B. SAMPSON.

GERSHOM SWAN.

TREASURER OF CARY LIBRARY FUND.  
EDWARD P. BLISS.

TREASURER OF CEMETERY FUNDS.  
LUKE W. WRIGHT.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.  
LEONARD G. BABCOCK, Term expires in 1890. (Resigned, and  
GEORGE W. SAMPSON appointed.)

BRADLEY C. WHITCHER, Term expires in 1889.

GEORGE O. SMITH, Term expires in 1888.  
LEONARD A. SAVILLE. (Clerk.)

## FENCE VIEWERS.

ABBOTT S. MITCHELL. WALTER WELLINGTON.  
WILLIAM J. NEVILLE.

## FIELD DRIVERS.

HENRY E. BISHOP. CHARLES T. WEST.  
HORACE B. DAVIS.

## POLICE OFFICERS.

HENRY E. BISHOP. DANIEL P. MAHONEY.

## SEXTON.

CHARLES T. WEST.

## JANITORS OF TOWN AND VILLAGE HALLS.

GEORGE H. THURSTON. WALTER WELLINGTON.

## AUCTIONEER.

ABBOTT S. MITCHELL.

## MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

LEONARD A. SAVILLE. FRANK V. BUTTERS.  
RUFUS W. HOLBROOK. AUGUSTUS CHILDS.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS OF TOWN SCALES.  
LEONARD A. SAVILLE. RUFUS W. HOLBROOK.

SUPERINTENDENT AND MATRON AT ALMSHOUSE.  
MR. AND MRS. ROBERT H. WHITE.

## SPECIAL POLICEMEN.

GEORGE H. THURSTON. WALTER WELLINGTON.

# LEXINGTON TOWN RECORDS,

FOR THE YEAR 1887-88.

## WARRANT FOR A TOWN MEETING,

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1887.

To Walter Wellington, Constable of Lexington,—  
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Lexington, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, on Monday, the seventh day of March, A.D. 1887, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To hear the report of any Committee that may be ready to report, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year, including one School Committee-man for the term of three years; also, one for the term of one year, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Benj. F. Brown.

ART. 4. To choose one Committee-man for the

term of three years, and one Committee-man for two years, to fill vacancies in the Cemetery Committee.

ART. 5. To provide for the support of the Poor the ensuing year, and to grant money for the same.

ART. 6. To provide for the support of the Highways, the ensuing year, and to grant money for the same.

ART. 7. To provide for the support of the Public Schools, the ensuing year, including their several grades, and grant money for the same.

ART. 8. To provide for the support of the Fire Department, the ensuing year, and to grant money for the same.

ART. 9. To provide for the support of the Street Lamps, the ensuing year, and grant money for the same.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote for or against granting licenses for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors, in answer to the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?" The vote on the above question shall be by ballot, "Yes or No," and the check list shall be used, as provided by Section 5, chap. 100, of the Public Statutes.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will make the appropriations for Town expenses the ensuing year as submitted by the Selectmen, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 13. To see what measures the Town will

adopt in relation to the collection of Taxes, the ensuing year, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money for any necessary purposes in anticipation of the collection of taxes the current year, the same to be paid directly from the proceeds of said taxes, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will cause the Public Street Lamps to be kept lighted until eleven and one-half o'clock P.M., on all dark nights, without regard to the moon.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the proper observance of April 19, 1887.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will permit Lexington Savings Bank to continue the occupancy of the rooms now occupied by said Bank, free of charge.

ART. 18. To see what measures the Town will adopt in relation to procuring a supply of water for the buildings of the Poor Farm, and appropriate money therefor, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will make an appropriation to repair the buildings at the Poor Farm.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will make an appropriation to construct sidewalks with concrete or other material, where the abutters will pay one-half the expense thereof.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the purpose of draining around the Common, where necessary.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will authorize the

Selectmen to draw from any unappropriated money in the Treasury for the payment of contingent expenses.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Health to take such measures as they may deem expedient in regard to the meadows in East Lexington, now owned and flowed by the Town of Arlington.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will abolish the practice of appraising the property at the Poor Farm, and adopt measures as recommended by the Selectmen in their report.

ART. 25. To see what measures the Town will adopt in relation to accepting additional Street Lamps.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will make an appropriation to build a driveway at the house of Stephen L. Wright.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will cause the idle teams at the Poor Farm to be used, especially in winter, to clear the gutters and keep street crossings in passable condition.

ART. 28. To see if the Town had not better separate Highway Management and Overseers of Poor from Selectmen, and choose persons to repair the same.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will cause concrete raised crossings to be constructed at points of great travel.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will cause the gutters on Main and important streets, to be so constructed as to carry off water as well as may be.



ART. 31. To see if the Town will fix salaries of Selectmen for ensuing year.

ART. 32. To see if the Town will reduce and fix salaries of School Committee for the year, and salary of Superintendent.

ART. 33. To see if the Town will increase the number of Board of Assessors of Taxes, and fix salary of Assessors.

ART. 34. To see if the Town will, in conformity with the Statutes, choose Road Commissioners to have control of Highway department, and elect the same as Overseers of Poor; they to fix grade of streets and sidewalks under betterment laws, as adopted by the Town.

[Articles from 27 to 34 inclusive, are inserted at request of C. R. Richardson, William Plummer, C. H. Sherman, H. K. King, H. A. Worthley, D. T. Desmond, and P. F. Dacey.]

The following action was taken by the Town on the several articles in the foregoing warrant:

ART. 1. *Voted*, That the polls remain open five minutes for the choice of Moderator. On ballot, with use of the check list, the whole number of ballots cast was 22, all for Matthew H. Merriam, who was declared chosen as Moderator, and who was sworn by the Clerk to the faithful discharge of his duties as Moderator of this meeting.

ART. 2. *Voted*, That the reports of the Town Officers as printed, be before the Town for action during this meeting.

*Voted*, That the matter be laid on the table until 2 o'clock P. M., after which time, during discussions on the appropriations, explanations were called for from the different officers, and such portions of the report were explained.

ARTS. 3 & 4. *Voted*, That Articles 3 and 4 be taken up together, and that under these articles we proceed to choose, all on one ballot, the following officers, namely:

Three Selectmen, who shall also be Overseers of the Poor, Surveyors of the Highways, and Board of Health; one Town Clerk; three Assessors; one Treasurer, who shall also be Collector of Taxes; two Constables; one member of the School Committee for the term of one year; one Cemetery Committee-man for the term of three years; one Cemetery Committee-man for the term of two years; and two Auditors; and that the polls be kept open until half past four o'clock P. M.; it was subsequently

*Voted*, That the polls be kept open until a quarter to five P. M. After the recess, the Moderator appointed as Tellers, to assist in sorting and counting the ballots, Francis E. Ballard, Abram B. Smith, Leonard E. Bennink, and William B. Foster; and after their labors had been completed, the Moderator announced the result of the balloting as follows. (See list of Town Officers elsewhere.)

*Voted*, That the Fence Viewers, Field Drivers, and Surveyors of Lumber be chosen by nomination at large, and the following persons were so nominated and chosen:

For Fence Viewers.—Hammon Reed, B. T. Batcheller, and William J. Neville.

For Field Drivers.—Herbert A. Tuttle, Arthur Jewett, and Fred K. Brown.

For Surveyors of Lumber.—George E. Muzzey and Albert S. Mitchell.

*Voted*, That the remaining minor officers be appointed by the Selectmen.

ART. 5. *Voted*, That the sum of two thousand (2,000) dollars be appropriated for the support of the Poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. *Voted*, That the sum of thirty-five hundred (3,500) dollars (in addition to the balance of \$532 unexpended) be appropriated for the repairs of Highways, Railings and Culverts, for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. *Voted*, That the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars (in addition to the unexpended balance of \$87.30) be appropriated for Schools, for instruction, fuel, repairs, and incidentals, for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. Considerable discussion was had in regard to the Fire Department, by engineers and others, and the town finally

*Voted*, That the Fire Department consist of forty-three members.

*Voted*, That the sum of fifteen (15) dollars per annum be paid to each member of the Fire Department who resides in town day and night, and the sum of five (5) dollars per annum be paid to those members who are away from town part of the time.

*Voted*, That the sum of nine hundred (900) dol-

lars (in addition to the balance of \$564.79 unexpended) be appropriated for the support of the Fire Department for the ensuing year.

*Voted*, That the sum of five hundred and seventy (570) dollars be appropriated for the purchase of new hose for the Fire Department, the money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Engineers.

ART. 9. *Voted*, That the sum of seventeen hundred (1,700) dollars be appropriated for the support of the Street Lamps for the ensuing year.

ART. 10. The list of Jurors, as prepared and posted by the Selectmen, was read, and on motion of the Town Clerk it was

*Voted*, That the names of Patrick Ryan and Henry H. Tyler be stricken from the list, they having been drawn since the list was posted.

*Voted*, That two names be substituted to fill the list, as required by law.

*Voted*, That the names of Albert N. Tufts and Willard C. Pierce be added to the list.

*Voted*, That the list of Jurors as amended, be accepted by the Town.

ART. 11. *Voted*, That Article 11 be taken up in connection with Articles 3 and 4, so that ballots can be cast on the license question at the same time as for Town Officers. After closing the polls and counting the ballots cast, the Moderator declared the result as follows:

“Yes,” One hundred and nine votes, . . . . . 109  
 “No,” One hundred and seventy-eight votes, . . . . . 178

ART. 12. The Selectmen submitted an estimate of the expenses for the ensuing year (in addition to amounts under Articles 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9) as follows:

For Town Debt, twenty-six hundred dollars, . . .	\$2,600.00
For Constables and Police, two thousand dollars, . .	2,000.00
For Salaries of Selectmen, eight hundred dollars, . .	800.00
For Assessors (balance \$4.00) four hundred twenty-five dollars, . . . . .	425.00
For Janitors, (balance \$54.93) four hundred fifty dollars, . . . . .	450.00
For Fuel and Lights for Hall (balance \$125.40) four hundred dollars, . . . . .	400.00
For Hydrants, fifteen hundred and forty dollars, . .	1,540.00
For Concrete Sidewalks, six hundred dollars, . . .	600.00
For Town Clerk, one hundred dollars, . . . . .	100.00
For Auditors, forty-five dollars, . . . . .	45.00
For Ringing Bells, seventy dollars, . . . . .	70.00
For Printing, two hundred and fifty dollars, . . .	250.00
For School Committee, three hundred dollars, . . .	300.00
For Interest, (balance \$237.34) seventeen hundred dollars, . . . . .	1,700.00
For Treasurer and Collector, five hundred dollars . .	500.00
For Registrars of Voters, one hundred dollars, . . .	100.00
For Treasurer of Cary Library, fifty dollars, . . .	50.00
For Librarian of Cary Library, four hundred dollars, .	400.00
For Memorial Day, one hundred dollars, . . . . .	100.00
For State Aid (balance \$351) no appropriation, balance deemed sufficient.	
For Abatement of Taxes, five hundred dollars, . . .	500.00
For Reading Room, E. Lexington, (balance \$55) two hundred and fifty dollars, . . . . .	250.00
For Discount on Taxes, three hundred dollars, . . .	300.00

*Voted*, That the lists as submitted by the Selectmen be accepted, and that the sums named therein be appropriated for Town expenses for the ensuing year.

*Voted*, That the sum of two thousand dollars (2,000) of the amount appropriated for the payment of the Town debt, be taken from money in the Treasury.

*Voted*, That the sums appropriated, except those taken from money now in the Treasury, be assessed the present year.

*Voted*, That the balances remaining to the credit of the different appropriations, be carried forward to the credit of the same appropriation, except where the object of the grant has been completed.

ART. 13. *Voted*, That all taxes for the current year be made payable on or before Dec. 1, 1887, and that a discount of one-half of one per cent. per month, for all full months prior to said date, be deducted for prompt payment, and that on all taxes remaining unpaid at that date, interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum shall be added, and that the collector be instructed to collect all taxes before May 1, 1888.

ART. 14. *Voted*, That the Town Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow money for any necessary purpose, in anticipation of the collection of taxes the current year, the same to be repaid directly from the proceeds of said taxes.

ART. 15. *Voted*, That the matter be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 16. *Voted*, That a sum not exceeding one hundred (100) dollars be appropriated for the proper observance of April 19, 1887, the same to be expended under the direction of an executive committee to be chosen by the Lexington Historical Society.

*Voted*, That the above granted sum be taken from any unappropriated money now in the Treasury.

ART. 17. A long discussion occurred in relation to the subject of this Article. Messrs. Geo. W. Robinson, B. T. Batcheller, and others, advocating the granting of the rooms rent free, which was opposed by several gentlemen. A motion that the rent be fixed at \$40.00 per annum was decided not carried, as was also a motion to fix the rent at \$10.00 per annum, and it was

*Voted*, That the rental of the rooms occupied by the bank be fixed at thirty-five (35) dollars per annum, to take effect from April 1, 1887.

ART. 18. *Voted*, That the matter be referred to the Overseers of the Poor, to report at the next Town meeting.

ART. 19. *Voted*, That the sum of three hundred (300) dollars be appropriated and assessed for the purpose of making necessary repairs to the buildings at the Poor Farm, said money to be expended under the direction of the Overseers of the Poor.

ART. 20. (Six hundred dollars appropriated. See action under Art. 12.)

ART. 21. *Voted*, That the sum of three hundred and fifty (350) dollars be appropriated for the purpose of draining around the Common where necessary. Said money to be taken from any unexpended money in the Treasury, and to be expended under the direction of the Surveyors of Highways.

ART. 22. *Voted*, That the Selectmen be authorized to draw from any unappropriated money in the Treasury, for the payment of contingent expenses.

ART. 23. *Voted*, That the Board of Health of the Town of Lexington be instructed to call the attention of the State Board of Health to the matter.

ART. 24. *Voted*, That the Town dispense with the practice now in force, in relation to appraising property at the Town Farm, and adopt measures as recommended by the Selectmen in their report.

ART. 25. *Voted*, That the matter be referred to the Selectmen.

ART. 26. *Voted*, That the matter be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 27. *Voted*, That the matter be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 28. *Voted*, That the matter be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 29. *Voted*, That the matter be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 30. *Voted*, That the matter be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 31. *Voted*, That the matter be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 32. *Voted*, That the matter be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 33. *Voted*, That the matter be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 34. *Voted*, That the matter be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Webster Smith, Chairman of the Selectmen, made a statement in regard to the petition of certain Cities and Towns for leave to take the waters of the Shawsheen river; which petition is now before the Committee on Water supply of the Legislature for

a hearing, and offered the following resolutions, which were adopted by the Town:

*Whereas*, the cities of Boston, Chelsea, Somerville, and the Town of Everett, have petitioned the Legislature for authority to take the waters of the Shawshcen, whose source is within our limits, and one hundred rods wide, of land along the stream; therefore

*Resolved*, We believe the granting of said petition to be unjust in principle, unequitable in law, and subversive of the interests of the Town.

*Resolved*, That we, the inhabitants of Lexington, in Town Meeting assembled, do earnestly protest against the granting of said petition.

*Resolved*, That the Senator and Representative from this district be instructed to use all honorable means for its defeat.

*Resolved*, That the Town Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of these Resolutions to our Senator and Representative.

After announcing the result of the balloting as recorded under Acts 3, 4 and 11, and after swearing such of the newly elected officers as were present, the Moderator declared the Meeting dissolved.

The ballots cast and the check-list used, were sealed and endorsed in open meeting by the Moderator and Town Clerk, as required by Statute.

## WARRANT FOR A TOWN MEETING,

MONDAY, MAY 2, 1887.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To hear the report of any Committee that may be ready to report, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To fill vacancies in Town Offices, if any exist.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars, to pay a Note to the Trustees of the Cary Library, due February 28, 1887, or authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to renew said Note at a rate of interest not exceeding four per cent. per annum, or act in any manner relating to the same.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the services and expenses of the Superintendent of the Schools.

ART. 6. To see what action the Town will take in regard to making an index of the Town Records.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will rescind so much of the action of the last Town Meeting as fixed the pay of the Firemen.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will rescind the vote passed June 26, 1883, accepting the report of the Selectmen, extending Oakland Street two hundred and fifty feet; and also so much of the report extending Oakland Street, passed April 9, 1883, as lies north of a stone bound, standing near an angle in said street.

ART. 9. To hear and act upon the Report of the Selectmen, re-locating Oakland Street, north of a stone bound now standing at an angle on said Oakland Street; on the petition of David W. Muzzey and Edward P. Bliss.

The following action was taken by the Town on the several articles in the foregoing warrant:

ARTICLE 1. *Voted*, That the poll for the choice of Moderator be kept open three minutes. On ballot with the use of the check list, 16 votes were cast, George W. Sampson having 11, and A. E. Scott 5; and George W. Sampson was declared chosen as Moderator, and was sworn by the clerk.

ART. 2. Rev. C. A. Staples, for the Committee on the Improvement of the Common, made a final report (see Reports of Committees, page 263); and on motion of J. Buckley, Jr., it was

*Voted*, That the Report of the Committee be accepted, and that its recommendations be adopted. (\$150 appropriated and assessed.)

Mr. Webster Smith, chairman of the Selectmen, moved, and it was

*Voted*, That the sum of four hundred (400) dollars be appropriated from money now in the Treasury, to supply the Poor Farm and the buildings thereon with water.

*Voted*, That a committee of three be chosen to expend said money.

*Voted*, That the Selectmen be such committee.

ART. 3. *Voted*, To proceed to the election of a Constable in place of S. W. Hendley, chosen at the March meeting, who refuses to qualify.

*Voted*, That the polls remain open five minutes for choice of Constable. On ballot by check list, sixteen votes were cast, as follows:

Henry E. Bishop, ten votes, (10).

Dan Mahoney, two votes, (2).

Daniel P. Mahoney, two votes, (2).

George H. Brown, two votes, (2).

And Henry E. Bishop was declared chosen as Constable. The following persons were chosen by nomination at large to serve as Fence Viewers: Abbott S. Mitchell and Walter Wellington. The following persons were chosen to serve as Field Drivers: Henry E. Bishop, Charles T. West, H. B. Davis.

ART. 4. After some discussion in regard to the matter by Rev. C. A. Staples, Mr. Webster Smith, Geo. E. Muzzey, and others, it was

*Voted*, That the Selectmen be instructed to renew said note at the rate of interest of 6 per cent. per annum.

ART. 5. *Voted*, That the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated and assessed for the salary and expenses of the Superintendent of the Public Schools for the year ensuing.

ART. 6. The Town Clerk stated the reasons for making an index of the Town Records, from the commencement in 1713 to the present time, and the plan was endorsed by Messrs. M. H. Merriam and A. W. Bryant, and it was

*Voted*, That the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated, to be taken from unexpended money in the Treasury, to pay for the indexing of the Town Records, and that the money be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

ART. 7. On motion of Mr. J. F. Maynard, it was

*Voted*, That the action of the last Town meeting, fixing the pay of the Firemen, be rescinded. An ef-

fort was then made to establish the sum to be paid for service as firemen, but a point of order was raised by Mr. A. E. Scott that no such action could be taken under the Article as worded, and the point of order was sustained by the Chair; and after some debate, on motion of Mr. Scott, it was

*Voted*, That the vote to rescind the vote fixing the pay of the Firemen, be reconsidered.

ART. 8. Considerable discussion was had upon this Article, Mr. M. H. Merriam insisting that the Town should take action upon that part of the Article which relates to that portion of Oakland Street already built, to which Mr. George S. Jackson, one of the abutters thereon, has made objection to any change in that portion of the street; and the Selectmen, in view of such objection, make no report upon that portion of said street, and it was finally, after much debate,

*Voted*, That the Article be divided.

*Voted*, That the Town rescind the vote passed June 26, 1883, accepting the report of the Selectmen extending Oakland Street 250 feet.

*Voted*, That action on the report extending Oakland Street, passed April 9, 1883, be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 9. The Selectmen made a report changing the location of Oakland Street opposite the house of Mr. E. P. Bliss, (see Reports of Committees page,) and the Town

*Voted*, That the report of the Selectmen on that portion of Oakland Street, near the house of E. P. Bliss, be accepted and adopted.

Meeting dissolved.

## WARRANT FOR A TOWN MEETING.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1887.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To see if the Town will accept the proposition of William A. Tower to the Selectmen, in regard to purchasing a site for a Public Library Building, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will adopt any measures relative to reorganizing or increasing the number of the Trustees of the Cary Library, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will remove the Watering Trough now standing near the Common, to some other location, or act in any manner relating thereto.

The following action was taken by the Town on the several articles in the foregoing warrant:

ARTICLE 1. On motion of Mr. L. E. Bennink, it was

*Voted*, That we proceed to choose a Moderator by ballot, and that the polls be kept open until quarter past seven o'clock. On ballot, it was found that 19 votes had been cast, as follows:

For Augustus E. Scott, seventeen (17);

For John L. Norris, two (2);

and Augustus E. Scott was declared chosen as Moderator, and was sworn to the faithful performance of his duties by the Clerk.

ART. 2. Mr. A. W. Bryant, of the Selectmen, read the following:

BOSTON, OCT. 13, 1887.

*To the Selectmen of Lexington, Mass.:*

"GENTLEMEN,—In common with other citizens, "it has for some time seemed to me important that "our Town should have a building which would be a "safe and convenient depository for the valuable "Cary Library,' and a structure ornamental to the "Town. In accordance with this sentiment, I desire "to make the following proposition:

"If the Town will give the estate on the corner "of Main and Clark Streets, owned by Mr. Phillips, "say about one hundred feet on Main Street, and "running back on Clark Street not less than two "hundred feet, with the buildings thereon, and the "lot of land on which Mr. Saville's store stands, say "fifty feet on Main Street, and running back not "less than two hundred feet; provided that the pro- "perty can be purchased by a committee selected by "the Town at a price which in their opinion is "reasonable, to be used as a site for a Library "Building, the store above the foundation to be "removed from the premises, and full possession "given me of the entire lot, including the buildings "on the Phillips lot, on or before the first day of "April next, I will erect on the site, during the ensu- "ing year, a Library Building of brick with stone trim- "mings, which shall have accommodations sufficiently "ample for not less than twenty thousand volumes, "also Reading, Trustees', and Librarians' rooms, the

"plans for which shall be submitted to a Committee "chosen by the Town for approval, and be satis- "factory to a majority of said Committee.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM A. TOWER.

Mr. Cornelius Wellington moved, and the Town unanimously

*Voted*, That the Town accept the offer of Col. William A. Tower, on the conditions named in his communication, and that a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to purchase the site required, or such other site as may be satisfactory to Mr. Tower, at a price not to exceed twelve thousand dollars, and to co-operate with him in the erection of the building.

The above vote was received with great applause, and Rev. C. A. Staples after a few pertinent remarks, read the following:

Cary Farm, Lexington, Mass.,

October 13, 1887.

*Rev. C. A. Staples:*

"DEAR SIR,—As chairman of the Trustees of "Cary Library, I feel that I must make to you some "expression of my personal and profoundly grateful "appreciation of Mr. Tower's noble offer. In this "connection also, let me express the desire and "intention of the heirs of the Cary Estate to still "further benefit the Town, by a formal presentation, "through you, at the meeting to-night, of a site for



" the new building to contain the Library founded by  
 " my mother, the site to be chosen by a Committee  
 " selected for the purpose, not to exceed in value ten  
 " thousand dollars, and subject to the approval of  
 " Mr. Tower. Hoping this may find acceptance with  
 " those who have the interests of the Town at heart,

I remain

Very truly yours,

ALICE BUTLER CARY.

The communication was received with great applause and cheers, and when quiet had been restored, Rev. C. A. Staples read the following resolution, which was adopted without a dissenting voice:

" We, the legal voters of Lexington, in Town Meeting assembled, hereby place upon record our sense of the munificent offer of Col. William A. Tower, our fellow-citizen, to present a spacious, elegant, and substantial building to the Town for "Cary Library," and hereby tender him our sincere thanks for the generous and noble purpose.

" We would also express our acknowledgment to the heirs of the Cary Estate for their generous proposal to donate a site for the Library Building, to be selected by a Committee of the Town acting in connection with Col. Tower. And we heartily rejoice that thus a name, endeared to Lexington by deeds that have greatly benefitted her people, will have another claim upon the grateful remembrance of posterity."

The Town Clerk is directed to spread this minute

upon the records, and transmit a copy of the same to Col. Tower and Miss Alice B. Cary.

The Moderator appointed as the Committee called for in the foregoing vote, and mentioned in the communications of Col. Tower and Miss Cary, the following: Rev. Carlton A. Staples, Dr. Robert M. Lawrence, Mr. Matthew H. Merriam, Charles A. Wellington and Leonard A. Saville. Mr. Merriam moved to add the name of Hon. Augustus E. Scott, which was voted by the Town.

Rev. C. A. Staples moved, and the Town

*Voted*, That the Committee appointed to co-operate in the erection of the Library Building, be instructed to place, at the expense of the Town, in some position within the building, such a tablet as the architect of the Library Building may deem suitable, with the following inscription, viz:

" This Library was founded in the year 1868, by Mrs. Maria Hastings Cary, widow of William Harris Cary, born in Lexington March 1, 1801; died in Brooklyn, N.Y., Oct. 31, 1881, out of regard for her native place, and wishing to promote its welfare by diffusing knowledge among its inhabitants.

" The grounds upon which it stands were donated to the Town by the heirs of the Cary Estate in grateful and loving remembrance.

" The building itself was erected in the year 1888, by the munificence of Col. William A. Tower, from the desire that the Town 'may be benefitted by his having lived in it.'

" This tablet is placed here by order of the Town,

as some expression of gratitude for these noble gifts, and the hope that they must greatly benefit its people."

ART. 3. The Moderator vacated the chair, and made an explanation of the reasons for desiring a change in Trustees of the Cary Library, and the Town

*Voted*, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chairman to take into consideration the reorganizing, or increasing the number, of the Trustees of the Cary Library, and report at the March meeting.

The following were appointed as such Committee : Geo. O. Davis, Geo. E. Muzzey, William H. Munroe. On motion of Mr. Cornelius Wellington, it was

*Voted*, That Augustus E. Scott be added to the Committee.

ART. 4. Mr. Cornelius Wellington moved, that the watering-trough, now standing at the junction of Main and Monument Streets, be removed to the side of Main Street, opposite Muzzey Street. Some discussion ensued, and finally, on motion of Mr. L. E. Bennink, it was

*Voted*, That the matter be indefinitely postponed. Meeting dissolved.

#### WARRANT FOR A TOWN MEETING,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1887.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To hear the Report of any Committee that may be ready to report, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will accept from Dr. Parker Kenison the gift of a piece of land for the purpose of improving Main Street, opposite the estate of the late Charles Nunn, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will make an additional appropriation for Highway expenses.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will accept the Report of the Selectmen in laying out a town-way, upon the petition of Edwin S. Spaulding and others.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept the water hydrant located on Mt. Vernon Street.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will make an appropriation to renew the insurance on the Town Hall and contents, which expires in November, 1887.

The following action was taken by the Town on the several Articles in the foregoing warrant:

ARTICLE 1. Mr. L. E. Bennink moved, that Augustus E. Scott be chosen Moderator by acclamation, and it was so voted.

ART. 2. No committee being ready to report, the Article was passed over.

ART. 3. *Voted*, That the Town accept the gift of a piece of land from Dr. Kenison, for the purpose of improving Main Street opposite the house of the late Charles Nunn; also that the Town Clerk inform Dr. Kenison that the Town appreciates his generous offer, and accepts the same with pleasure.

ART. 4. Mr. Webster Smith made a statement that if the weather continues pleasant and open, that

more money could be expended on the Highways with profit, and the Town

*Voted*, That the sum of five hundred (500) dollars be appropriated for Highways, to be taken from any unexpended money in the Treasury.

ART. 5. The Selectmen of the Town of Lexington, having complied with the requirements of the law in relation to notifying the owners of land over which we were petitioned to lay out a Town-way, upon the petition of Edwin S. Spaulding and others, have laid out a Town-way as follows:

Beginning at a monument on the southerly side of Main Street, at land of the heirs of John Blodgett and heirs of P. P. Pierce, thence through said heirs' land in a westerly direction 450 feet to a stone monument at the corner of Tower Street, so called, the said Town-way to be 50 feet in width. Our recommendation for the acceptance of this Town-way are as follows: As the said way is already laid out 50 feet in width, and substantially graded with ample side-walks, so that no expense to the Town will be required; also whenever the owners of the land through which said Town-way passes release all interest or claim for damages, then the way thenceafter become a Town-way. And your Selectmen respectfully report said Town-way to the Town for its acceptance.

WEBSTER SMITH,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ALBERT W. BRYANT,	
CHARLES T. WEST,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Lexington.</i>

Lexington, November 8, 1887.

*Voted*, That the foregoing report be accepted.

ART. 6. *Voted*, That the Selectmen be instructed to accept and pay for said hydrant on Mt. Vernon Street, on condition that, when, in the judgment of those whose duty it is to locate hydrants, they shall deem it for the best interests of the Town that said hydrant be removed to some other locality on said street, it shall be removed, and the expenses of said removal shall be borne by the Water Company.

ART. 7. *Voted*, That the sum of nine hundred and twenty-five (925) dollars be appropriated for the purpose of renewing the insurance on the Town Hall and contents, and that the money be taken from funds in the Treasury, if there should be sufficient; if not, that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow the money in anticipation of the taxes for the ensuing year, to be paid directly from the proceeds of said taxes.

Meeting for Town business declared dissolved.

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN, SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

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IN the issuing of the Annual Town Report for the year ending January 31, 1888, your Selectmen feel assured that the necessity for any extended remarks in regard to the prosperity of the Town is not needed; for the unexampled activity that has been manifested by the erection of a larger number of costly dwellings than ever before in one year, also the very many improvements in grading, ornamenting and beautifying in various ways, as tastes or inclination has prompted, and to which also can be added a future bright with promise, are sufficient proof.

A net gain of nearly one hundred thousand dollars has been added to the taxable property; a reduction in the rate of taxation from \$14.00 per thousand to \$11.50 per thousand, and a continuation of the decrease of the Town debt, that has been steadily pursued for the past decade, from \$59,800 to \$36,750; and furthermore, with the Treasury well supplied with means to meet the financial demands as they may be presented; in short, with every department of the Town's affairs in a sound and satisfactory condition: all this it would seem might satisfy the wishes of the most exacting.

Notwithstanding the above gratifying portrayal, there are some suggestions made in some of the following Reports that require more or less thought, and to which your attention is called. It is not a wonder that in raising the sum of \$35,000 by taxation, and distributing it into the many avenues that are opened by meeting the current expenses of a year, that a diversity of opinions would be heard in the form of criticisms. All this is well if the criticisms are not actuated by selfish motives, rather than the public good.

### TOWN TREASURER.

In compliance with the vote of the Town, the Treasurer's Books and Accounts have received quarterly examinations, and have been properly kept, with vouchers for all expenditures.

### GUIDE BOARDS.

The law requires the Selectmen to make an annual report of the condition of the Guide Boards in Town. In conforming to this requirement it will be a repetition of what is usually said, that is, that repairs have been made where necessary, and the damage committed was about the same as in previous years.

### STREET LIGHTS.

The increasing number of Street Lights will require a larger appropriation. The breaking of the

glass in the lanterns is so frequent an occurrence that the cost for repairs the past year was nearly \$30.00.

#### TOWN BUILDINGS.

The Town Buildings have received such attention as their demands required. At the present time there seems to be only a small expenditure required to keep them in order.

#### BOARD OF HEALTH.

The past year has proved to be an exceptional one in regard to the many cases reported to the Board. Between 30 or 40 reports have been received, of this number 30 were Scarlet Fever. Our experience confirms the theory as put forth by the medical fraternity and the State Board of Health, which is, that no conclusive cause can be assigned for its prevalence. In nearly every instance where a case has been reported and we have examined the premises, cleanliness in and around the buildings appeared to be the rule, rather than the exception; therefore, the causes and preventives of Scarlet Fever must remain unanswered until "doctors agree." Two cases of Typhoid Fever were reported, one of which occurred in a building that had previously been reported as containing a nuisance, which nuisance, by an order of notice from the Board, had been abated. The other case was contracted outside the Town limits. A willingness has, in every instance, been manifested to heed advice, and unite with the Board in such efforts as were deemed advisable.

#### POLICE.

The reports of the Police Officers show their duties to have been as follows:

Whole number of arrests, 36. For drunkenness, 13; assault and battery, 7; disturbing the peace, 4; fornication, 2; insanity, 1; liquor seizures, 2; larceny, 2; assault with intent to rob, 1; simple assault, 1; vagrancy, 1; forgery, 1; peddling fruit without a license, 1; 3 disturbances quelled; 5 assisted home; 6 cases investigated but not prosecuted. Amount of fines imposed, \$159.31; amount of fines paid, \$144.26. Property reported lost and recovered, \$37.00. Tramps lodged during the year, 167.

It will be observed by the above report, that there has been one more arrest the past year than the one previous, and of the arrests, 13 were for drunkenness, an increase of 7 since the last report. It does not necessarily follow that this increase is attributable to liquor-selling in Town; for the railway employees on the trains can testify to what passes under their observation almost daily. In this connection we will allude to two petitions that have been received, calling our attention to violations of the law in regard to liquor-selling in Town. One of the petitions contained this statement, "that every citizen in Town knew that liquor was sold," and not in a single instance has a petitioner, when asked to confirm this statement, but replied, "such was the report."

The Selectmen gave instructions, before receiving the petitions, to the Police Officers, to watch, and

detect if possible, any and all who were violating the law, and in securing evidence be careful and select that which was reliable, so that conviction would ensue.

#### ALMSHOUSE.

Very little need be said in regard to the Alms-house, as its management has been under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. White, who have maintained their previous satisfactory record. The inmates have that sympathy and care that their unfortunate condition has required.

The number of inmates during the year was 11, present number 7; these are all aged, but are able to attend to their wants, with but two exceptions, one being bedridden, the other insane. No deaths have occurred, and but a small amount of sickness.

The property, in doors and out, was found by personal inspection to have been well cared for and used with discretion.

The judicious improvements made upon the land are fully shown by the increased products. All the buildings being newly shingled and otherwise repaired the past year, only a small expenditure will be necessary for some time.

An appropriation was made at the annual meeting for the purpose of furnishing a constant supply of water, a deprivation experienced for many years; the past season was so wet that it not only furnished a supply, but rendered it impracticable to dig a well, with any assurance of securing a continuous supply.

#### OUTSIDE AID.

The aid solicited outside the Alms-house proves to be a constant and increasing source of care, the frequency of appeals for assistance, not always worthy, requires not only discrimination, but the closest investigation. The many intricate questions that are involved in proving or maintaining a settlement, make a demand for much time and research.

The amount paid for support of poor, . . . .	\$2,473.20
Less received from income of farm, . . . .	766.00
Amount paid for outside aid, . . . . .	761.11
Less outside aid refunded, . . . . .	60.01
Appropriations, . . . . .	2,000.00
Cost of support at the Alms-house . . . . .	1,216.09

Number of weeks' board furnished, including Superintendent's family, 476; cost per week in cash, \$2.55 1-2. A balance of \$82.80 remains in the Treasury.

An appropriation of \$2,000 is recommended for the support of the department the ensuing year.

#### SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE,

FEBRUARY 1, 1888.

1 mowing machine, \$40; 3 scythes & snaths, \$1.50,	\$41.50
2 ploughs, \$8; 2 cultivators, \$7, . . . . .	15.00
38 fowls, \$28.50; grindstone, \$10; lot of barrels, \$1,	39.50
1 bench and vise, \$7; 2 hogs, \$28.00, . . . . .	35.00
30 cords of manure, \$210; 1 horse cart, \$25, . . .	235.00

1 grain chest and grain, \$6; lot of tools, \$8, . . .	14.00
2 chains, \$2; forks, shovels, hoes and old iron, \$8, . . .	10.00
1 set of double harness, \$20; set of lead reins, \$2, . . .	22.00
1 express harness, \$40; 1 light harness, \$9, . . .	49.00
12 tons hay, \$240; ropes and bags, \$2, . . .	242.00
2 blankets, \$4; forks and rakes, \$2, . . .	6.00
1 carriage, \$25; collar and bridle, \$3; ladders, \$3, . . .	31.00
1 chain harness, \$4; blanket and halter, \$2, . . .	6.00
1 horse, \$140; 2 cows, \$110; pung, \$10, . . .	260.00
1 express wagon, \$60; horse rake, \$10; wheelbarrow, \$3, . . .	73.00
1 double-runner sled, \$50; set of eveners, \$5, . . .	55.00
4 whiffletree chains, \$4; harrow and chain, \$2, . . .	6.00
1 hay wagon, \$25; manure wagon, \$40, . . .	65.00
1 wheeljack, \$1.50; cart harness, \$10, . . .	11.50
14 cords of wood, \$48; stoves in lockup, \$4, . . .	52.00
8 tons coal, \$56; wood in shed, \$15; saws and axes, \$2, . . .	73.00
Contents of wash-room, . . .	8.00
Contents of Room No. 1, . . .	65.00
Contents of Room No. 2, . . .	77.00
Contents of Room No. 3, . . .	10.00
Contents of Room No. 4, . . .	10.00
Contents of Room No. 5, . . .	15.00
Contents of Room No. 6, . . .	38.00
Contents of Room No. 7, . . .	12.00
Contents of Room No. 8, . . .	30.00
Contents of Room No. 9, . . .	25.00
Contents of Room No. 10, . . .	15.00
Contents of Room No. 11, . . .	10.00
Contents of Room No. 12, . . .	12.00
Contents of Room No. 13, . . .	15.00
Contents of Room No. 14, . . .	18.00
Contents of Room No. 15, . . .	8.00
Contents of Room No. 16, . . .	18.00

Contents of Room No. 17, . . .	20.00
Contents of Room No. 18, . . .	30.00
Contents of Room No. 19, . . .	10.00
Contents of Room No. 20, . . .	10.00
Upper Back Hall, contents, \$15; Lower Hall, matting, \$7, . . .	22.00
Contents of crockery closet, \$10; contents of pantry, \$35, . . .	45.00
70 bushels potatoes, \$56; 20 bbls. apples, \$50, . . .	106.00
Lot of vegetables, \$15; screens and flour bbls., \$5, . . .	20.00
3 bbls. cider, \$15; 1 bbl. vinegar, \$6, . . .	21.00
200 lbs. salt pork, \$20; 120 lbs. hams and shoulders, \$15, . . .	35.00
25 galls. oil, \$2.50; 3 oil bbls., 3 pork bbls., \$7.50, . . .	10.00
3 casks, \$2; 24 jars preserves, \$6; 3 dozen jars, \$3, . . .	11.00
4 galls. pickles, \$1; 20 lbs. lard, \$2, . . .	3.00
6 stone jars, \$3; wash boiler, storm windows, \$8, . . .	11.00
	<hr/> \$2,082.50

## HIGHWAYS.

The work performed on the roads the past season has been greater than previous years, by the purchase of another horse, and the employment of more men. In making repairs, those of the greatest necessity were attended to first. Owing to the large territory which our roads contain, there must be occasional inconveniences experienced before all can be put in order. Every rod of the roads in Town has received more or less repairs, as was needed.

An appropriation of \$350 was made for the purpose of draining around the Common. The plan at first that appeared most feasible, was, upon examination, found to be utterly impracticable; but by reduc-

ing the grade on Bedford Street and other places near the Common, a much better and surer method would be obtained. This could be done far more economically by connecting the work of draining with the highway repairing; for while reducing the several grades, the material thus obtained could be advantageously used in grading other streets. In carrying out this plan, a division of the expense for the amount of work performed could not be definitely apportioned. Consequently, the appropriation for the Drainage was transferred to the appropriation for Highways.

The Expenditures of the Department for the year were, \$4,363.80.

The Receipts were, appropriations, \$3,500.00; balance from last year, \$532.67; appropriation for Drainage, \$350.00, transferred to Highways; leaving an unexpended balance of \$18.87.

The property of the Highway Department has been examined, and found to be in a satisfactory condition. A schedule of the same is herewith connected.

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, JANUARY 31, 1888.

1 road machine, \$140; 3 snow plows, \$35, . . .	\$175.00
1 evener, whiffletrees, and drag, . . . . .	5.00
3 carts, \$150; wagon, \$20; 24 shovels, \$12 . . .	182.00
12 picks, \$6; hoes, rakes, and forks, \$5, . . .	11.00
1 tool chest, stone hammers, and drills, . . .	16.00
<i>Amount carried forward, . . . . .</i>	<i>\$389.00</i>

<i>Amount brought forward, . . . . .</i>	<i>\$389.00</i>
3 chain harnesses and hames, \$12, . . . . .	12.00
Collars, bridles, and reins, . . . . .	15.00
1 express harness, \$10; set of double harness, \$55, . . .	65.00
4 blankets, \$15; powder can and fuse, \$2.75, . . .	17.75
1 grain chest, wrenches, pails and can, feed bags, . . .	6.00
4 horses, \$800; 8 bushels grain, \$5, . . . . .	805.00
1 plow, \$8; 2 bush scythes, \$2; 4 iron bars, \$4, . . .	14.00
4 stall blankets, \$6; 3 cart saddles, \$30, . . . .	36.00
	<u>\$1,359.75</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WEBSTER SMITH.  
ALBERT W. BRYANT.  
CHARLES T. WEST.

*Selectmen, Board of Health, Surveyors of Highways  
and Overseers of Poor.*

Lexington, January 31, 1888.



## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

## TAXES FOR 1885.

Amount uncollected Feb. 1, 1887, . . .		\$483 76
Amount collected, . . . . .	\$476 63	
Amount abated by Assessors, . . .	7 13	
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	\$483 76	\$483 76

## TAXES FOR 1886.

Amount uncollected Feb. 1, 1887, . . .		\$5,424 63
Amount collected, . . . . .	\$4,866 38	
Amount abated by Assessors, . . .	558 25	
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	\$5,424 63	\$5,424 63

## TAXES FOR 1887.

Tax list, . . . . .		\$35,883 68
Amount collected, . . . . .	\$30,721 34	
Amount abated, . . . . .	73 78	
Amount allowed for prompt payment, .	377 35	
Amount uncollected, . . . . .	4,711 21	
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	\$35,883 68	\$35,883 68

E. S. SPAULDING, *Tax Collector.*

LEXINGTON, Jan. 31, 1888.

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, February 1, 1887, . . . . .	\$1,316 25
Schools, . . . . .	233 14
Highways, . . . . .	350 00
State Aid, . . . . .	324 00
Cemetery, . . . . .	331 00
Pauper, . . . . .	826 00
Fire Department, . . . . .	22 64
County Treasurer, Dog Money, . . . . .	488 70
Gammell Legacy, . . . . .	35 00
Interest, . . . . .	283 68
Taxes for 1885, . . . . .	476 63
Taxes for 1886, . . . . .	4,866 38
Taxes for 1887, . . . . .	30,721 34
Temporary Loans, . . . . .	8,500 00
Contingent, . . . . .	6,304 72
Reading Room, E. Lexington, . . . . .	11 92
Concrete Walks, . . . . .	240 46
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	\$55,331 86

## EXPENDITURES.

Schools, . . . . .	\$10,250 02
Highways, . . . . .	4,363 80
State Aid, . . . . .	327 00
Printing, . . . . .	274 40
Cemetery, . . . . .	260 51
Librarian, . . . . .	400 00
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Amount carried forward, . . . . . \$15,875 73

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$15,875 73
Fuel and Light for Town and Village Halls,	372 30
School Superintendent,	335 00
Street Lights,	1,672 79
Reading Room, E. Lexington,	306 92
Registrars of Voters,	100 00
Selectmen,	800 00
Paupers,	1,982 09
Fire Department,	858 29
Outside Aid,	761 11
Cary Library, Dog Money,	488 70
Gammell Legacy	56 99
Interest,	2,019 67
Auditors,	45 00
Janitors, Town and Village Hall,	475 04
Special Grant for 19th April,	100 00
Constable and Police,	1,920 50
Removing Snow,	42 29
Temporary Loans,	8,500 00
Fire Hose,	570 00
Ringin Bells,	70 00
New Streets, near Bloomfield Street,	150 70
Hydrants,	1,519 30
Contingent,	2,958 62
Assessors,	425 00
School Committee,	300 00
Decoration Day,	105 75
Extension of Oakland Street,	200 00
Care of Common,	162 98
Treasurer and Collector,	600 00
Town Debt,	2,600 00
State Tax,	3,532 50
County Tax,	1,651 84
Concrete Walks,	615 91
Town Clerk,	100 00
Treasurer Cary Library,	50 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$52,325 02

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$52,325 02
Repairing Buildings at Poor Farm,	310 79
Draining around Common,	350 00
Cash on hand, Jan. 31, 1888,	2,346 05
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	\$55,331 86

E. S. SPAULDING, *Town Treasurer.*

LEXINGTON, Jan. 31, 1888.

## STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

JANUARY 31, 1888.

DATE.	TO WHOM.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	INTEREST.
Sept. 1, 1885,	State Treasurer,	Dec. 1, 1888,	\$2,600	4 pr. ct.
" "	" "	1889,	2,600	"
" "	" "	1890,	2,600	"
" "	" "	1891,	2,600	"
" "	" "	1892,	2,600	"
" "	" "	1893,	2,600	"
" "	" "	1894,	2,600	"
" "	" "	1895,	2,600	"
1887.				
Feb. 28,	Treasurer Cary Library,	Feb. 28, 1892,	5,000,	6 pr. ct.
1883.				
Mar. 31,	Treasurer Cary Library,	Mar. 31, 1893,	6,000,	6 pr. ct.
Apr. 8, 1881,	Treasurer Bridge Fund,	Demand,	2,000,	6 pr. ct.
July 23, 1874,	Gammell Legacy, Trust Fund,		500,	7 pr. ct.
	Cemetery Trust Fund,		2,450,	6 pr. ct.
Total,			\$36,750	00

E. S. SPAULDING, *Town Treasurer.*REPORT OF TREASURER FOR THE  
TRUSTEES OF CEMETERY  
TRUST FUND.

Total amount of fund Jan. 1, 1888, . . . . . \$2,450 00

	RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
Balance unexpended, Jan. 1, 1887, . . . . .	\$274 31	
John Winning, Heirs, Lot 47, . . . . .	18 00	\$17 00
Eliab Brown, " 27, . . . . .	9 00	8 00
Isaac B. Smith, " 69, . . . . .	6 00	4 50
Mrs. O. A. Dodge, " 30, . . . . .	6 00	3 00
Nathan Fessenden, " 73, . . . . .	9 00	6 00
Charles Hudson, " 16, . . . . .	9 00	7 00
Marshall H. Locke, " 37, . . . . .	6 00	5 00
Mrs. A. Buttrick, " 105, . . . . .	12 00	7 00
Almira Chandler, " 92, . . . . .	6 00	5 00
Adline R. Parker, . . . . .	6 00	5 00
John P. Reed, . . . . .	6 00	5 00
Phillip Russell, . . . . .	6 00	4 00
Caira Robbins, Cemetery E. Lexington, . . . . .	18 00	56 50
J. B. Simonds Lot, Old Cemetery, . . . . .	24 00	16 00
Mary Wells Merrell, " " . . . . .	6 00	5 00
Balance unexpended Jan. 1, 1888, . . . . .		267 31
	<u>\$421 31</u>	<u>\$421 31</u>

L. W. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

## BIRTHS.

Whole number of births in 1887, 44. Males, 28; Females, 16; Parents native born, 17; Parents foreign born, 14; Parents native and foreign born, 13.

## MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages registered in Lexington for the year 1887, 33. Males native born, 25; males foreign born, 8; females native born, 19; females foreign born, 14.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1887.		
January 1, . .	James A. King, . . . . . Ellen McGinty, . . . . .	Lexington. Lexington.
January 6, . .	Christopher Johnson, . . . . Alice Castello, . . . . .	Lexington. Lexington.
January 13, . .	Holmes Hinkley, . . . . . Susan H. Stearns, . . . . .	Boston. Lexington.
February 23, . .	Herbert Ainsworth Tuttle, . . Annie Richardson Wilkins, . .	Lexington. Lexington.
February 23, . .	William M. Cameron, . . . . Annie Ledrew, . . . . .	Woburn. Lexington.
April 11, . . .	Florian D. Record, . . . . . Kate T. Moakley, . . . . .	Salem. Lexington.
May 4, . . . .	Fred C. Saville, . . . . . May Agnes Meleney, . . . . .	Lexington. Lexington.
May 21, . . . .	Wallace F. Hendley, . . . . . Cordelia E. Cochran, . . . . .	Lexington. Lexington.
May 21, . . . .	Walter H. Park, . . . . . Margarette Madden, . . . . .	Lexington. Lowell.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1887.		
June 8, . . . .	Nathaniel Nunn, . . . . . Stella Louise Chase, . . . . .	Lexington. Nantucket.
June 15, . . . .	Henlock Ford Price, . . . . . Mary Ellen Archibald, . . . . .	Parsboro, N. S. Lexington.
June 22, . . . .	Peter T. Gillooly, . . . . . Nellie E. Gilbert, . . . . .	Lexington. Westfield, Vt.
June 22, . . . .	William B. Mullen, . . . . . Sarah Ryan, . . . . .	Cambridgeport. Lexington.
July 20, . . . .	John A. Patterson, . . . . . Catherine Donohue, . . . . .	Boston. Boston.
August 14, . . .	James O'Connell, . . . . . Bridget Devine, . . . . .	Cambridgeport. Lexington.
August 16, . . .	Erastus J. Cummings, . . . . Minnie J. Wright, . . . . .	Arlington. Arlington.
August 17, . . .	Harry S. Buswell, . . . . . Fannie W. Lincoln, . . . . .	Stoneham. Stoneham.
August 17, . . .	James Bernard Carnernay, . . Ellen Theresa Connor, . . . .	Lexington. Waltham.
August 25, . . .	Frederic C. Jones, . . . . . Ella R. Howe, . . . . .	Lexington. Lexington.
September 7, . .	Thomas Purcell, . . . . . Annie Licannan, . . . . .	Arlington. Somerville.
September 14, .	Timothy H. O'Connor, . . . . Annie M. Burke, . . . . .	Lexington. Lexington.
September 14, .	Charles J. Ray, . . . . . Nora McDonald, . . . . .	Lexington. Lexington.
September 22, .	George H. Streeter, . . . . . Alice A. Wright, . . . . .	Boston. Lexington.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1887.		
October 12,	Charles Hall Pitts, . . . .	Baltimore, Md.
	Meta Telfair Wilson, . . . .	Lexington.
October 17,	Enoch Anson More, . . . .	Denver, Col.
	Caroline Augusta Bacon, . . . .	Lexington.
October 29,	John D. Bacon, . . . .	Lexington.
	Clementina H. Flanders, . . . .	Lexington.
November 1,	Frederick W. Brothers, . . . .	Lexington.
	Josephine H. Scott, . . . .	Lexington.
November 12,	James A. Wilson, . . . .	Lexington.
	Maggie Chambers, . . . .	Arlington.
November 16,	James C. Wetmore, . . . .	Lexington.
	Catherine E. Berry, . . . .	Boston.
November 17,	Alonzo Everett Locke, . . . .	Lexington.
	Alice Hastings Butters, . . . .	Lexington.
November 19,	Michael Ahern, Jr., . . . .	Lexington.
	Nellie Cavanagh, . . . .	Lexington.
November 23,	John B. Thomas, . . . .	Cheyenne, Wyo.
	Francis S. Gookin, . . . .	Lexington.
December 22,	Arthur Lewis Bryant, . . . .	Lexington.
	Mary Alice Clarkson, . . . .	West Medford.

## DEATHS.

Recorded in Lexington, from Jan. 1, 1887, to Jan. 1, 1888.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.	BIRTHPLACE.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.		
1887.						
Jan. 8	Augusta H. Winter.....	51			Consumption.....	Frammingham.
" 24	Henry B. Brigham.....	68	6		Hepatitis.....	Boston.
" 24	Albert Richardson.....	69	8		Dis. of head & h'rt	Woburn.
" 27	Hammond.....			3	Marasmus.....	Lexington.
Feb. 7	Charles A. Head.....	1	9	18	Pneumonia.....	Lexington.
Mar. 6	James King.....	40	3		Peritonitis.....	Lexington.
" 8	Fannie Keefe.....	33	9	17	Insanity.....	Ireland.
" 17	Charles H. Nye.....	51	1	26	Phthisis pul.....	Boston.
" 18	Jane M. Bruce.....	41	11		Insanity.....	Nova Scotia.
" 23	Mary S. Houghton.....	40	6		Pneumonia.....	Bedford.
April 26	Esther M. Webber.....	33	9		Cancer of spine.....	Lexington.
May 28	Frederick O. Brown.....	33	9		Phthisis.....	Lexington.
June 3	William Monahan.....	9	18		Tuberculosis.....	Boston.
" 13	Nichols Locke.....	77	2	24	Paralysis.....	Lexington.
" 15	Henry S. Dane.....	3			Imperfect nut'n	Lexington.
" 22	George Munroe.....	65	3	29	Heart disease.....	Lexington.
" 22	Patrick Fitzpatrick.....	79	3	5	Old age.....	Ireland.
July 1	Susan L. Burnham.....	78	1	5	Bright's dis.....	Gloucester.
" 2	Ralph Burbang.....	56			Sunstroke.....	Unknown.
" 23	Catherine Gorman.....	55			Dysentery.....	Ireland.
" 25	Aea Cottrell.....	61	7	8	Hepatic cancer.....	Freehold, N. J.
" 28	Mary Ham.....				Dys. & Bright's dis	Cornwall, Eng.
Aug. 10	Michael O'Brien.....	73			Hemiplegia.....	Ireland.
" 11	Roderick McKinnon.....	36			Unknown.....	Canada.
" 16	F. W. A. Rankin.....	80			Dysentery.....	Germany.
" 19	Lydia Keniston.....	81	6	9	Unknown.....	Unknown.
" 20	Michael Montague.....	6	14		Cholera infantum.	Lexington.
" 20	Sarah A. Mitchell.....	62	9		Tumor.....	Chester, Vt.
" 21	Lucey B. Spaulding.....	87	11	10	Pary'l & old age.	Chelmsford.
" 23	Jeremiah Crowley.....	64			Heart disease.....	Ireland.
" 25	Michael Buckley.....	1	6		Cholera infantum.	Lexington.
Sept. 20	Sarah H. Harrington.....	77			Diffuse sclerosis.	Newburyport.
Oct. 10	Ann Jones.....	79	7		Paralysis.....	Salem.
" 14	Alonzo Burton.....	7	6	23	Scarlet fever.....	Lexington.
Nov. 2	Mary Whalen.....	68			Old age.....	Ireland.
" 8	Loring S. Pierce.....	70	8	7	Heart disease.....	Lexington.
" 25	Elda Seaverns.....	80			Old age.....	Lunenburg, Vt.
Dec. 5	Samuel Wheelwright.....	80			Enl. of p'tate gl'd.	Boston.
" 8	Timothy Donovan.....	1	7	18	Pneumonia.....	Lexington.
" 20	Jennie E. Crowe.....	28	5			Nova Scotia.
" 26	Andrew Coyle.....	67			Apoplexy.....	Ireland.

Whole number of deaths.....41

Number of Males.....26

Number of Females.....15  
—41

Native born.....28

Foreign born.....13  
—41

Number over 60 years of age.....20

Number under 10 years of age.....9

# ACCOUNT OF TOWN HISTOES AND HISTORIES OF THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

Number of Town Histories on hand Jan. 31, 1887, . . . 134  
Number sold during the year, . . . . . 4  
Number donated during the year, . . . . . 1  
5

Number on hand Jan. 31, 1888, . . . . . 129  
including 16 bound copies, and 23 copies in sheets in hands of  
Lee & Shepard, Boston.

Number of Histories of the Centennial Celebration, on  
hand Jan. 31, 1887, . . . . . 188  
Number sold and donated during the year, . . . . . 2

Number on hand Jan. 31, 1888, . . . . . 186

## DOGS.

Licensed in Lexington, from Dec. 1, 1886, to Dec. 1, 1887.

Whole number licensed, . . . . . 297  
Males, . . . . . 250  
Females, . . . . . 47  
297

Amount returned County Treasurer, June 4, 1887, \$262 80  
Amount returned County Treasurer, Dec. 7, 1887, 412 80  
\$675 60

## LIST OF JURORS ACCEPTED BY THE TOWN, March 7, 1887.

Franklin Alderman,	Albert N. Tufts,*
John D. Bacon,	Charles Putnam,
Francis E. Ballard,	Theodore J. Parker,
Frank V. Butters,*	John Morton Reed,*
William B. Foster,	Moses H. Roberts,
John F. Hutchinson,	Abram B. Smith,*
George H. Jackson,*	George T. Smith,
Timothy Kinneen,*	Gershon Swan,*
Amos W. Locke,*	Elijah A. Shaw,
Everett S. Locke,	Edwin S. Spaulding,*
Matthew H. Merriam,	David A. Tuttle,*
George E. Muzzey,	George G. Wellington,
William J. Neville,	John H. Willard,*
Thomas J. O'Brien,	Willard C. Pierce.

\*Drawn from March 7, 1887, to Feb. 15, 1888.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD A. SAVILLE, *Town Clerk.*

## FIRE ENGINEERS' REPORT.

The Engineers respectfully submit the following  
Report for the year ending January 31st, 1888:

## FIRES.

The Department has been called out seven times,  
as follows:

April 12. Grass near J. J. Comley.

April 13. Brush on land of A. E. Scott.

April 19. False alarm, midnight.

April 27. House of Mrs. E. B. Lane.

May 4. Barn owned by H. D. Esterbrook, occu-  
pied by John Preeper, destroyed.

June 19. Woods owned by Geo. Monroe and  
others, on Lowell and Woburn Streets.

June 29. Alarm caused by bonfire near Bloom-  
field Street.

## APPARATUS.

At the Hancock House, hose wagon carrying  
twelve hundred feet cotton hose and six charges of  
chemicals. Ladder truck with ladders, fire hooks,  
etc. Chemical engine carrying six charges of chem-  
icals.

At the Adams House, hose carriage, nine hundred  
feet cotton hose. Chemical engine carrying six  
charges of chemicals.

All the Apparatus is in good condition. One thousand feet of cotton hose and two pipes, were purchased with the special appropriation.

A plan showing the location of the hydrants has been placed in the Hancock House.

**"BE YE READY!"**

We think it would be wise for the Town to instruct the Selectmen to confer with the water company in regard to having a man at the Pumping Station night and day, and that a telephone communication be maintained between the Town and the Pumping Station, that in case of a fire in either village, the alarm will be sounded in both villages and at the Pumping Station at the same time, that the whole Department may be called out at the same time, and know just what is wanted, and the location of the fire, that the man at the Pumping Station may give the pump-pressure which is necessary as a fire protection in many parts of the Town.

Harmony and good discipline have been maintained throughout the Department.

WM. B. FOSTER, } *Engineers*  
E. J. B. NOURSE, } *of*  
WILLARD WALCOTT, } *Lexington.*

**ASSESSORS' REPORT.**

*Valuation May 1, 1888.*

	RESIDENT.	NON-RESIDENT.	TOTAL.
Real Estate,	\$2,144,192	\$208,838	\$2,353,030
Personal Estate,	573,156	62,482	635,638
			————— \$2,988,668

Gain in Real Estate, \$85,790; Gain in Personal Estate, \$12,837;  
Net Gain, \$98,627.

**Amount of Tax List committed to Collector:**

County Tax,	\$1,651 84
State Tax,	4,592 50
Town Grants,	30,650 00
Overlayings,	149 34
	————— \$35,983 68

Rate of Taxation per Thousand,	\$11 50
Number of Polls,	807
“ Dwelling Houses,	559
“ Horses,	502
“ Cows,	1,172
“ Swine,	252
“ Sheep,	16
“ Other Neat Cattle,	104

Poll Taxes,	\$1,614 00
Resident Real Estate Tax,	24,658 21
Non-Resident Real Estate Tax,	2,401 68
Resident Personal State Tax,	6,591 29
Non-Resident Personal State Tax,	718 55
	————— \$35,983 68

Total number of acres of land taxed, . . . . .	9,931
Total number of tax-payers, . . . . .	1,155
Number of persons taxed on property, . . . . .	703
Number of persons taxed for poll only, . . . . .	452

Property exempt from taxation:

Town Property, . . . . .	\$107,450 00
Church property, . . . . .	52,200 00

JOSEPH F. SIMONDS,  
WALTER WELLINGTON,  
HORACE B. DAVIS, } *Assessors  
of  
Lexington.*

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
CARY LIBRARY.

THE whole number of volumes in the library on the first day of January, 1888, by actual count, was 11,142. During the past year 440 volumes have been added,—44 by gift, and the remainder by purchase. The gifts have come from the following persons and institutions, viz: Dr. R. M. Lawrence, W. H. Whitmore, Hon. J. V. Fletcher, Rev. E. G. Potter, Charles Hale, Nathan Fessenden, Miss H. R. White, Mrs. A. Kimball, Miss Ella A. Baker, Miss Josephine May, Mrs. Ellen A. Stone, the bequest of the late Miss Cairn Robbins, Trustees of Phillips Academy, Trustees of Ames Free Library, Sawyer Free Library, and the Maverick National Bank,—besides the usual donations from the State and National governments. Of these gifts 21 volumes are for use in the East Lexington Branch. Among the most valuable accessions to the library made during the past year, are the Annual Town of Lexington Reports, covering nearly the entire period since they were first printed. Between 1829 and 1840 the series is imperfect, but from that date down to 1887 it is complete, excepting the School Committee report for 1845—the first one printed by the Town. This is now difficult, if not impossible, to procure. These documents have been bound by the Trustees, making five handsome vol-



umes, and are placed among books of reference, not to be taken from the library. Thus we have preserved in permanent form a vast amount of knowledge relating to our municipal affairs. For these valuable gifts the library is indebted to Mr. Nathan Fessenden, who had preserved copies of the Town Reports down to the present time. The two earliest, printed on single sheets were given by Mrs. Ellen A. Stone.

The library is indebted to Miss Alice B. Cary for the gift of a large and beautiful mantel clock, with side figures in bronze, formerly belonging to her father, and a fine Venetian Megalithoscope for showing pictures, with the table on which it stands, and fifty-six pictures of cities, buildings and scenery in Europe,—all selected and purchased by her mother while travelling abroad. These valuable gifts are an additional memorial of a family whose generous interest in the welfare of the Town we have had many occasions to acknowledge. The *Woman's Journal* has been received for the use of the reading room, and *Harper's Weekly* for the East Lexington branch; the latter, a gift from Miss Josephine May. Mr. George W. Robinson has not failed to make his annual donation of money.

The entire circulation of books during the year amounts to 20,901, of which 2,951 were through the East Lexington branch. These were taken out by 411 persons, representing that number of families or individuals, and requiring the keeping of 411 separate accounts.

On the tables of the reading room are found 25

different magazines and papers, representing many departments of literature, science and industrial art, and furnishing instruction and amusement to a variety of tastes. This is one of the most popular and useful features of the library. Many of the school children and young people are constant visitors for the purpose of reading the magazines and consulting books of reference in connection with their studies.

At the East Lexington room there has been a daily attendance of 18, and an average evening attendance of 6. The tables in this branch are to be supplied in future with a daily paper and several additional magazines of an attractive character. A small balance remains on hand from last year's appropriation, and we think no better use can be made of this, and an additional twenty-five dollars, than by increasing the magazines and papers of that reading room. The children and young people, and the men and women, who are drawn to it by the attraction of good reading, are morally certain to be helped by its influence, and made better citizens.

Cary Library is filling a larger place every year in the interest and the affection of our people. It was never so much sought and used as to-day. It must be regarded as one of the chief educational factors of the Town. Each year witnesses the addition to its shelves of from five to seven hundred volumes of carefully selected books. Ultimately, its stores must become very large and valuable.

It is an important matter that the books should be guarded from careless usage, and from loss; that the rich treasures in every department of knowledge

which it contains, should be temptingly displayed before the people, and made easily accessible to all wishing to avail themselves of its privileges—in short, that the utmost care should be taken to extend its usefulness, and give it the largest possible influence among our people. This has been very seriously considered by the Trustees during the last year. How shall the books be made most available? How shall people seeking the library for definite information readily find that which can best help them? To effect this end, a card catalogue has been made of the entire library, such as is now used in all important libraries in this country. Small cards have been prepared, containing the name of each book and its author; and additional cards of every author whose books are in the library. These cards are arranged alphabetically and placed in the drawers of small cabinets, and fastened in their places by rods. When new books are added, similar cards are made and put in their proper places. Thus the cards in the cabinets will always represent a perfect catalogue of the library, both in authors and books, which no other catalogue can ever do, where constant additions are being made. With this arrangement, if any book or author is asked for, it can be ascertained at once whether such a book is in the library. Besides, there is no danger now of duplicating books. Under the former system it was difficult to avoid it; after searching for half an hour, one might not be able to tell whether a given book were in the library or not. Frequent and serious mistakes were made. All this trouble and confusion are now avoided, and

the books have become much more available for the use of readers.

This card catalogue, as arranged in the cabinets, is simply a great dictionary of the authors and books, made on precisely the same plan as any dictionary. It is open for the consultation of all who use the library. Anyone desiring a certain book and knowing the title, or the author may learn for himself, without asking the Librarian, whether it is found there. When a new catalogue is printed, and one must be soon, we have only to put into type the names already on those cards. And in connection with this work of cataloguing, the library has been reclassified and re-arranged. The books are now placed under 33 divisions, instead of 10, in the old system. Each division representing a special department of knowledge is indicated by a special letter or combination of letters. Thus Fiction, Fine Arts, Useful Arts, Manufactures, Government, Law, Medicine, Philosophy, etc., have each their special letters, indicating the character of the book. Works upon the same subject stand together on the shelves. The books are arranged according to subjects, and not according to size, as formerly. Everything relating to Botany, Zoology, Music, Geography, Travel, etc., is placed together. If one wishes to see what the library contains relating to the late Civil War, he can see it all at a glance—or relating to the Fine Arts, to Sociology, to Genealogy, or to Religion. In short, the library is now classified and arranged upon a rational and scientific basis, and were the books carried to a new building and placed upon

different shelves, no change in the arrangement of them would be necessary. In all this work of re-classifying and re-arranging, the Trustees have been governed by the results of the experience of the large libraries of the State. They have availed themselves of the methods found to be most serviceable in preserving the books, and making them most available to the readers.

In the new plan of registering and discharging books, they have had the same end in view, and they are prepared to say that it proves a most efficient one. It may appear less simple and easy, but it guards the books more carefully, and holds those who use them to a stricter accountability. A great public library, free as the air and sunlight to all, rich in precious treasures gathered from every land and every people, and constantly increasing its stores, must be girded around by stringent rules, and watched over with untiring care. Those for whom this fountain of sweet and refreshing waters is provided, are deeply concerned in having it kept pure, and made a source of ever enlarging and elevating life.

In the faith that the same generous provision for its maintenance, which the Town has always cheerfully granted, will be continued, we commend the interests of Cary Library to the people's fostering care.

On behalf of the Trustees,

C. A. STAPLES.

## CARY LIBRARY.

*Treasurer's Report for 1887-88.*

The Treasurer of the Cary Library debits himself as follows:

Note of Town of Lexington, dated April 1, 1883.....	\$6,000 00
Note of Town of Lexington, dated Feb. 28, 1887.....	5,000 00
Deposit Book, Lexington Savings Bank,	490 00
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1887.....	322 99
“ received, Dog Tax.....	488 70
“ “ Donation from George W. Robinson.....	50 00
“ “ Interest on Town Notes,	660 00
“ “ Interest on deposit in Savings Bank.....	38 72
“ “ Interest	9 66
“ “ Fines.....	18 00
“ “ Withdrawn from Savings Bank.....	300 00
“ “ Balance of Caira Robbins' Legacy.....	11 92
“ “ Ellen A. Stone, for Caira Robbins' Fund.....	13 08
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	\$13,404 00

And credits himself as follows:

Payments for Books and Cataloguing...	1,598 24
Town Notes.....	11,000 00
Deposit in Lexington Savings Bank....	529 65
Caira Robbins Fund.....	51 50
Cash on hand.....	224 61
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	\$13,404 00

EDWARD P. BLISS, *Treasurer.*

LEXINGTON, Jan. 31, 1888.

## BRIDGE CHARITABLE FUND.

The following Report is respectfully submitted:

### RECEIPTS.

Jan. 31, 1887. Balance on hand per last	
Report, . . . . .	\$2,273 16
Jan. 31, 1888. Interest received, . . . .	135 13
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Total receipts, . . . . .	\$2,408 29

### EXPENDITURES.

Jan. 31, 1888. Aid to sundry persons, as	
per conditions of the	
Trust, . . . . .	\$97 77
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Balance on hand, . . . . .	\$2,310 52
Jan. 31, 1888. Amount Permanent Fund, \$2,284 99	
Amount available " 25 53	
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Balance on hand, . . . . .	\$2,310 52

GEO. E. MUZZEY, *Treasurer.*

LEXINGTON, Jan. 31, 1888.

# AUDITORS' REPORT.

## SCHOOLS.

### RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . . . . .	\$10,000 00
State School Fund, . . . . .	181 14
W. J. Ham, . . . . .	11 00
East Lexington Reading Room, . . . . .	35 00
H. A. Fiske, School Supplies returned, . . . . .	6 00
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	\$10,233 14
Excess of expenditure over receipts, . . . . .	16 88
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Amount expended, . . . . .	\$10,250 02

### EXPENDITURES.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

J. N. Ham, instructor, . . . . .	\$1,500 00
Helen A. Fiske, instructor, . . . . .	750 00
Henry H. Bowen, janitor, . . . . .	80 00
Henry H. Bowen, cutting wood, . . . . .	2 00
W. A. Pierce, coal, . . . . .	183 25
Wm. J. Neville, wood, . . . . .	12 50
E. S. Locke, plumbing, repairing furnace, etc., . . . . .	11 55
Lexington Gas Light Co., . . . . .	8 34
Lexington Water Co., . . . . .	20 00
Thomas Hall, chemical apparatus and re- pairing apparatus, . . . . .	27 68
Lyman Lawrence, hardware, . . . . .	5 67
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Amount carried forward, . . . . .	\$2,600 99

Amount brought forward, . . . . .	\$2,600 99
Mrs. Desmond, cleaning, . . . . .	6 00
Margaret Reardon, cleaning, . . . . .	6 00
C. H. Sherman, labor, . . . . .	14 80
Geo. E. Muzzey, outside windows and lumber, . . . . .	32 68
L. A. Saville, soap, brush, broom, . . . . .	4 37
F. L. Jewell, putting on outside windows, . . . . .	1 00
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	\$2,665 84

#### ADAMS SCHOOL.

Edith O. Rowe, instruction, . . . . .	\$650 00
Carrie F. Fiske, . . . . .	450 00
Hiram Pierce, janitor, . . . . .	74 99
W. A. Pierce, coal, . . . . .	150 00
Lexington Water Co., . . . . .	16 80
Geo. Flint, painting and glazing, . . . . .	52 87
Wm. J. Neville, wood, . . . . .	13 25
Hiram Pierce, cutting wood, and labor, . . . . .	9 20
Bridget Manley, cleaning, . . . . .	8 00
C. W. Stanley, 1 furnace and repairing, . . . . .	115 24
Otis Harrington, grading, . . . . .	21 88
James H. Phillips, labor and hardware, . . . . .	34 45
Wm. Keefe, cleaning vault, . . . . .	3 00
Gershom Swan, whitewashing, . . . . .	4 00
R. W. Holbrook, broom, . . . . .	40
Otis Harrington, setting posts, . . . . .	4 50
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	\$1,608 58

#### HANCOCK SCHOOL.

Hattie D. Hall, instruction, . . . . .	\$650 00
Nellie H. Parker, instruction, . . . . .	200 00
Dora M. Morrill, instruction, . . . . .	62 50
W. W. Baker, janitor, . . . . .	95 00
W. W. Baker, repairing, . . . . .	5 85
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Amount carried forward, . . . . .	\$1,013 35

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,013 35
Ellen B. Lane, instruction, . . . . .	437 50
Ellen E. Harrington, instruction, . . . . .	200 00
Amelia M. Mulliken, instruction, . . . . .	400 00
Lexington Water Co., . . . . .	30 60
H. B. Davis, repairs, . . . . .	9 00
T. K. Fiske, painting, . . . . .	40 05
W. J. Neville, 2 cords wood, . . . . .	12 50
E. T. Locke, furnace, plumbing and re- pairs, . . . . .	176 45
W. A. Pierce, coal, . . . . .	121 25
C. A. Butters & Co., flour, brush, and duster, . . . . .	2 75
Lyman Lawrence, feather duster, . . . . .	2 00
Mrs. Desmond, cleaning, . . . . .	6 20
Margaret Reardon, cleaning, . . . . .	6 20
M. O'Brien, labor, and cutting wood, . . . . .	15 50
Geo. H. Thurston, janitor, . . . . .	5 00
F. L. Jewell, labor, . . . . .	60
E. A. Mulliken, labor, . . . . .	4 00
	<hr/> \$2,482 95

## FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

Maria A. Butterfield, instruction, . . . . .	\$225 00
Annie Breen, instruction, . . . . .	170 00
Mary Keohan, instruction, . . . . .	22 50
Geo. O. Wellington, janitor, . . . . .	30 00
H. B. Davis, examining desks and repairs, . . . . .	4 00
E. S. Locke, lining and repairing, . . . . .	7 95
Bridget Manley, cleaning, . . . . .	5 00
W. A. Pierce, 2 tons coal, . . . . .	12 00
Otis Harrington, cleaning well, . . . . .	3 50
L. A. Saville, door mat, . . . . .	1 25
	<hr/> \$481 20

## HOWARD SCHOOL.

Nellie H. Parker, instruction, . . . . .	\$200 00
Carrie L. Knight, instruction, . . . . .	160 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$360 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$360 00
M. A. Butterfield, instruction, . . . . .	22 50
Wm. Ferguson, janitor, . . . . .	33 00
Wm. Ferguson, labor, . . . . .	50
—— Scanlon, janitor, . . . . .	6 00
Peter Ferguson, cleaning, grading, cut- ting wood, . . . . .	3 50
W. A. Pierce, coal, . . . . .	25 75
Wm. J. Neville, wood, . . . . .	13 25
H. B. Davis, setting post, repairing lock, etc. . . . .	7 25
Bridget Manley, cleaning, . . . . .	4 00
E. S. Locke, repairing stove, etc., . . . . .	6 61
C. W. Stanley, repairing, . . . . .	11 40
Nathan Fessenden, cleaning vault, . . . . .	2 00
L. A. Saville, broom, . . . . .	35
	<hr/> \$496 11

## COMMON TO ALL SCHOOLS.

Cowperthwaite & Co., books and station- ery, . . . . .	\$28 55
Interstate Publishing Co., books, . . . . .	19 31
Thompson, Brown & Co., books, . . . . .	34 14
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books, . . . . .	7 14
Ginn & Co., books, . . . . .	15 29
Warren P. Adams, books, . . . . .	4 40
D. C. Heath & Co., books and maps, . . . . .	15 87
D. Appleton & Co., books, . . . . .	26 78
A. C. Stocking, books, . . . . .	66 45
Silver, Rogers & Co., books and maps, . . . . .	79 94
Willard Small, books, . . . . .	11 15
Harper Bros., books, . . . . .	2 10
Wm. Ware & Co., books, . . . . .	11 45
Adams, Putnam & Co., books, . . . . .	52 65
Harrison & Hume, books, . . . . .	6 00
E. P. Bliss, stationery, . . . . .	1 40
Geo. S. Perry, books and stationery, . . . . .	107 79

*Amount carried forward,* \$490 41

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$490 41
Charles H. Whiting, stationery, . . .	7 53
L. E. Cowles & Co., stationery, . . .	6 75
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co. Cyclopaedia, .	12 15
M. R. Warren, stationery, . . . . .	14 40
Adams & Ingraham, books and stationery,	361 34
E. O. Fiske & Co., map, . . . . .	7 50
A. G. Whitcomb, school furniture, . . .	6 00
J. L. Hammett, charts, . . . . .	3 00
Boston School Supply Co., pointers, . .	1 93
J. N. Ham, Agent Purchasing School Supplies, . . . . .	50 00
J. N. Ham, rubber stamp, . . . . .	2 00
H. C. Kendall, diploma, . . . . .	2 00
C. S. Parker, printing, . . . . .	9 00
Rockwell & Churchill, printing, . . .	5 50
Ephraim Cutter, Jr., teaching music, .	400 00
Nourse & Co., moving pianos and ex- pressage, . . . . .	12 45
M. A. Butterfield, mirror, . . . . .	1 00
E. B. Rose & Son, wood, . . . . .	12 00
M. H. Roberts, wood, . . . . .	5 50
Geo. E. Muzzey, lumber, . . . . .	40 50
James H. Phillips, carpenter work, . .	7 80
A. W. Bryant, school expenses, . . .	5 60
Ellen A. Stone, cash paid travelling ex- penses, . . . . .	13 40
J. H. Prescott, lock, keys and shelves, .	2 75
	<hr/> \$1,480 51

## BOWDITCH SCHOOL.

Emma E. Wright, instruction, . . . . .	\$450 00
Chas. Burrill, Janitor, . . . . .	29 25
Chas. Burrill, cutting wood, . . . . .	2 00
Wm. J. Neville, wood, . . . . .	13 25
W. A. Pierce, coal, . . . . .	12 00
C. W. Stanley, repairing stove, pump, etc.	12 15
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$518 65

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$518 65
M. M. Nourse, cleaning, . . . . .	4 00
H. B. Davis, repairs, . . . . .	5 45
Gershom Swan, whitewashing, . . . . .	2 00
Otis Harrington, cleaning well, . . . .	3 50
F. L. Jewell, repairing seats, . . . . .	50
E. S. Locke, broom, . . . . .	35
	<hr/> \$534 45

## WARREN SCHOOL.

L. K. Eaton, instruction, . . . . .	\$200 00
Dora M. Merrill, instruction, . . . . .	225 00
L. K. Eaton, janitress, . . . . .	14 25
Dora M. Merrill, janitress, . . . . .	25 00
W. J. Neville, wood, . . . . .	6 25
E. S. Locke, repairing, pump, etc., . . .	8 88
Lyman Lawrence, axe, . . . . .	1 00
W. A. Pierce, 2 tons coal, . . . . .	12 00
Bridget Henchey, cleaning, . . . . .	5 00
H. B. Davis, repairs, . . . . .	2 00
L. A. Saville, floor brush, . . . . .	1 00
	<hr/> \$500 38

## SUMMARY.

High School, . . . . .	\$2,665 84
Adams School, . . . . .	1,608 58
Hancock School, . . . . .	2,482 95
Franklin School, . . . . .	481 20
Howard School, . . . . .	496 11
Common to all schools, . . . . .	1,480 51
Bowditch School, . . . . .	534 45
Warren School, . . . . .	500 38
	<hr/> \$10,250 02

## REPAIRING BUILDINGS AT POOR FARM.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . .	\$300 00
Excess of expenditures over receipts, . .	10 79
	<hr/> \$310 79

## EXPENDITURES.

Geo. E. Muzzey, lumber, . . . . .	\$210 29	
John McKinnon, labor, . . . . .	100 50	
	<hr/>	\$310 79

## SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . .	\$2,000 00	
Webster Smith, 1 cow, . . . . .	54 58	
R. H. White, produce farm, . . . . .	402 41	
State Treasurer, allowed for burial, . .	10 00	
State Treasurer, allowed for state paupers,	60 01	
Highway department, board of horses, .	299 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,826 00

Amount expended in connection with house and farm, . . . . .	\$1,982 09	
Amount expended for outside poor, . .	761 11	
Balance unexpended, . . . . .	82 80	
	<hr/>	\$2,826 00

## EXPENDITURES.

B. C. Whitcher, grain, . . . . .	\$217 15
R. H. White, services, . . . . .	500 04
R. H. White, fish, manure, car fare, mak- ing clothes, etc., . . . . .	135 65
T. L. Russell, crackers, . . . . .	12 00
Wm. H. Smith, clothing, boots and shoes,	55 93
A. T. Spaulding, clothing, boots and shoes, . . . . .	51 90
Wm. A. Martin, ploughing, . . . . .	15 00
John W. Griffin, wheelwrighting, . . .	19 45
Wm. Denham, smithing, . . . . .	3 55
Wm. Ham, smithing, . . . . .	11 08
H. P. Webber, smithing, . . . . .	23 97

Amount carried forward, \$1,045 72

Amount brought forward,	\$1,045 72
Geo. M. Litchfield, ice, . . . . .	24 68
Gersthom Swan, mason work, . . . . .	12 60
W. A. Pierce, coal, . . . . .	77 38
Augustus Childs, groceries, . . . . .	57 28
L. A. Saville, dog license and groceries, .	110 45
R. W. Holbrook, groceries, . . . . .	29 18
Boston Branch Grocery, groceries, . .	49 19
C. A. Butters & Co., groceries, . . . .	79 28
Geo. H. Jackson, provisions, . . . . .	83 70
C. H. Lowe, provisions, . . . . .	34 53
Lyman Lawrence, repairing harnesses, etc., . . . . .	19 03
Wm. J. Neville, wood, . . . . .	91 50
Howland Holmes, medical attendance, .	50 00
J. Donovan, labor, . . . . .	77 00
Frank Reynolds, labor, . . . . .	17 50
M. D. Holt, 1 cow, . . . . .	44 50
Geo. E. Muzzey, lumber, . . . . .	4 51
W. G. Townsend, 1 cow, . . . . .	48 50
Geo. Tyler, plow point, . . . . .	50
Ames Plow Co., plow point, . . . . .	1 50
E. S. Locke, repairing pump, pails, etc.,	11 26
Boston & Lowell R. R. Co., freight, . .	25
C. H. Thompson & Co., seeds, . . . . .	5 90
J. Q. A. Chandler, gravel, . . . . .	2 00
E. L. McNamara, labor, . . . . .	1 15
H. W. Smith, butter, . . . . .	3 00
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	\$1,982 09

## OUTSIDE POOR.

Aid furnished Thomas Lahey, . . . . .	\$86 14
" Mrs. Estabrook, . . . . .	25 50
" Charles Hutchinson, . . . . .	49 00
" George B. Haggett, . . . . .	176 31
" R. McKinnon, . . . . .	15 38

Amount carried forward, \$352 33



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$352 33
Aid furnished Mrs. R. McKinnon,	44 63
" Mrs. Hutchinson,	3 63
" Mrs. Doyle,	57 49
" E. Winship,	71 47
" Winship family,	24 00
" A. A. Nourse,	81 04
" Martha Nourse,	5 00
" Mrs. Logan,	84 50
" M. O'Brien,	5 00
" Catherine Conway,	6 06
" Bernard Harrington,	4 00
" B. Reardon,	3 00
" Mary Smith,	8 00
" Outside poor,	10 96
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	\$761 11

## HIGHWAYS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887,	\$3,500 00
Appropriated from cash in Treasury,	500 00
Appropriated from Grant "Draining around Common,"	350 00
Excess of expenditure over receipts,	18 80
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	\$4,363 80

## EXPENDITURES.

B. O. Whitcher, grain,	\$278 24
Ames Plow Co., tools,	7 66
Wm. Denham, wheelwrighting and smith- ing,	77 85
H. P. Webber, smithing,	26 68
J. A. Russell, smithing,	26 75
Wm. Ham, smithing,	57 11
John D. Willis, 1 bay horse,	200 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$674 29

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$674 29
Geo. E. Muzzey, lumber,	112 65
Bigelow & Dowse, doz. rakes,	5 00
H. L. Alderman, attendance on horse,	10 00
J. H. Reed, repairing culvert on Lowell st.,	2 00
J. S. Munroe, stone drag,	5 00
J. Chisholm, repairing harnesses,	13 45
Lyman Lawrence, repairing harnesses, and hardware,	4 84
A. H. Kimball, casting for road scraper,	1 50
H. B. Davis, posts, repairing fence, etc.,	11 85
John W. Griffin, wheelwrighting,	17 70
T. W. Morey, wheelwrighting,	7 00
Otis Harrington, laying stone,	3 00
Dodge, Healey & Co., crowbars,	2 49
L. A. Saville, powder, fuse, etc.,	4 66
A. M. Bates, blankets,	10 00
Thomas Hollis, horse powder,	4 50
C. H. Thompson, plow point,	1 00
J. T. Scott, painting and lettering,	3 00
E. W. Glass, teaming,	32 50
J. Q. A. Chandler, stone,	70
E. L. McNamara, labor on drain,	27 00
J. M. Johnson, gravel,	48 60
Webster Smith, superintendent highways,	200 00
R. H. White, labor on highway,	50 00
H. L. Simonds, chain,	2 52
E. S. Locke, lantern,	1 75
John B. Taft, sprinkling highway,	2 50
Overseers of the Poor, board of horses,	299 00
P. Kelleher, labor,	263 00
J. McCann,	245 45
P. Reardon,	230 98
J. Donovan,	286 05
J. Shea,	243 26
M. Manley,	186 39
Thomas Welsh,	231 45
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$3,245 08

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$3,245 08
M. Megan, labor	.	222 26
J. Clifford, "	.	141 63
J. Clifford, Jr., "	.	90 99
D. O'Connell, "	.	192 07
J. Vaughn, "	.	244 57
J. Ryan, "	.	93 20
J. Reardon, "	.	110 25
C. McEnroe, "	.	21 50
F. Reynolds, "	.	2 25
		<hr/> \$4,363 80

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . . .	\$900 00	
Boston & Lowell R. R. Co., use of hose, .	5 00	
Wm. Ham, hose sold, . . . . .	5 00	
H. P. Webber, old hose, . . . . .	8 14	
Uncalled for payments on Hancock No. 6 pay roll, . . . . .	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$922 64
Amount expended, . . . . .	\$858 29	
Balance unexpended, . . . . .	64 35	
	<hr/>	\$922 64

## EXPENDITURES.

Pay Roll Hancock Chemical Co., . . .	\$283 50
" Adams Chemical Co., . . . . .	213 00
" " Engine Co., . . . . .	59 91
" No. 17, . . . . .	10 12
" No. 18, . . . . .	8 16
Willard Walcott, Engineer, . . . . .	11 50
E. J. B. Nourse, " . . . . .	20 00
Wm. B. Foster, " . . . . .	20 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$626 19

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$626 19
H. G. Worth, engineer, . . . . .	5 56
J. R. Taft, Steward Adams, . . . . .	20 83
Lexington Water Co., . . . . .	10 00
John Ryan, services, . . . . .	2 66
James Tatray, services, . . . . .	8 75
W. T. Ham, steward, " Hancock," . . .	50 00
John Hancock, steward and fireman, . .	28 35
Lexington Gas Co., . . . . .	15 37
W. A. Pierce, coal, Hancock, . . . . .	22 25
W. A. Pierce, coal, Adams, . . . . .	12 50
Wm. Ham, repairing engine, . . . . .	2 00
A. L. Scott & Son, painting, . . . . .	20 00
E. E. Rice & Co., acid, . . . . .	4 02
B. Harrington, drawing engine, . . . .	3 00
J. T. Scott, painting and lettering, . .	5 00
Wm. B. Foster, material for hydrants, .	6 90
Wm. E. Denham, smithing, . . . . .	8 75
A. Childs, oil, chimneys, etc., . . . .	2 96
Geo. E. Muzzey, lumber, . . . . .	45
John W. Griffin, wheelwrighting, . . .	1 25
Andrew J. Morse & Son, connecting nozzle, . . . . .	1 50
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	\$858 29

## CONTINGENT GRANT.

## RECEIPTS.

Rent Town Hall, . . . . .	\$228 00
Rent Village Hall, . . . . .	45 00
Rent Masonic Hall, . . . . .	100 00
Sale engines, . . . . .	500 00
J. W. Sands, auctioneer's license, . . .	2 00
A. S. Mitchell, auctioneer's license, . .	2 00
T. Daly, post, . . . . .	2 00
State Treasurer, bank tax, . . . . .	1,043 41
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,922 41

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,922 41
State Treasurer, corporation tax, . . . .	3,020 43
From estate of E. Gerry, . . . . .	1,290 10
L. A. Saville, sale Town histories, . . .	16 10
L. A. Saville, income from hay scales, . .	55 68
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	\$6,304 72
 Amount expended, . . . . .	\$2,958 62
Balance unexpended, . . . . .	3,346 10
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	\$6,304 72

## EXPENDITURES.

Geo. E. Muzzey, Treasurer Bridge Fund, received from estate Elizabeth Gerry, . . . . .	\$1,290 10
B. F. Brown & Son, insurance, . . . . .	885 00
Chelmsford Foundry Co., lamp post and castings, . . . . .	59 13
John P. Lovell, police supplies, . . . . .	8 75
E. G. Porter, hanging picture in Town Hall, . . . . .	20 00
Geo. H. Bailey, painting Cary Library, . .	12 95
M. F. Whitten & Co., balyards, . . . .	2 00
Geo. H. Hall, lighting defects in highway,	3 00
Geo. B. Dennett, hanging gate at ceme- tery, . . . . .	1 00
Lexington Water Co., . . . . .	100 00
Mrs. Ahearn, cleaning Town Hall, . . .	1 80
Fred W. Berry, books and stationery, . .	2 05
Hammond Reed, moving tree on Wal- tham Street, . . . . .	3 00
N. E. Trust Co., check book, . . . . .	1 25
A. L. Scott & Son, painting signs and lamp post, . . . . .	8 14
Chas. T. West, services with Auditors, .	5 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$2,403 17

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,403 17
Chas. T. West, services on account burial Ralph Bubang, . . . . .	15 00
Chas. T. West, postage and car fare, . . .	3 94
Chas. T. West, attending funerals and returning deaths, . . . . .	33 25
E. S. Locke, plumbing, smoke pipes, re- pairing, etc., . . . . .	26 95
Mrs. M. Barry, cleaning, . . . . .	1 80
A. S. Mitchell, keys Station House, . . .	1 00
A. S. Mitchell, notifying dog owners and collecting dog tax, . . . . .	17 00
Elmina Munroe, Assistant Librarian, . .	31 00
D. McDonald, repairing windows Town Hall, . . . . .	3 70
A. J. Wilkinson & Co., hardware, . . .	10 72
Charles H. Sherman, fitting locks, . . .	1 00
Chas. W. Simonds, stationery, . . . . .	24 65
H. B. Davis, repairing signs and bridges, and at Village Hall, . . . . .	9 65
Mrs. A. E. Wellington, storage of engine,	5 00
Chas. K. Darling, books, . . . . .	6 45
Nourse & Co., express, . . . . .	7 85
T. K. Fiske, painting Hancock engine house, . . . . .	45 00
J. R. Taft, painting Adams engine house,	8 00
Young, Caldwell & Odiorne, repairing flag staff, . . . . .	73 00
Gershom Swan, whitewashing lock-up, . .	4 50
Wm. G. Harris, mattresses, . . . . .	2 50
C. H. Robinson & Co., blankets, . . . .	4 50
Willard Walcott, horse hire, . . . . .	11 00
J. S. Munroe, 2 bushels grass seed, . . .	6 25
Jones, McDuffie & Stratton, lamps and shades, Village Hall, . . . . .	39 42
Massachusetts House, refreshments, . .	18 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$2,814 30

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,814 30
L. A. Saville, postage, stationery, pails, etc., . . . . .	16 33
L. A. Saville, registering births, marriages and deaths, . . . . .	33 05
Thomas Cosgrove, additional to State Aid Oct. 1887, . . . . .	30 00
H. Holmes, returning births, . . . . .	2 50
J. O. Tilton, returning births and medical attendance, . . . . .	8 25
H. P. Webber, book for chandelier, . . . . .	75
Boston & Lowell R. R. Co., freight, . . . . .	70
A. W. Bryant, expenses, postage and stationery, . . . . .	3 10
Henry R. Earle, setting lamp post, . . . . .	3 00
Webster Smith, services before Legislative Committee on water supply, . . . . .	15 00
Geo. H. Thurston, feeding tramps and repairs, . . . . .	5 12
D. A. Tuttle, labor, . . . . .	1 25
Walter Wellington, hardware, and repairing furnace, . . . . .	13 27
Massachusetts House, entertaining County Commissioners, . . . . .	12 00
	<hr/> \$2,958 62

## STREET LIGHTS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . . . . .	\$1,700 00
Amount expended, . . . . .	\$1,672 79
Balance unexpended, . . . . .	27 21
	<hr/> \$1,700 00

## EXPENDITURES.

J. G. Kauffman, lighting and repairs, . . . . .	\$340 25
John Ryan, lighting, . . . . .	456 15
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$796 40

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$796 40
Lexington Gas Light Co., . . . . .	816 00
H. L. Norris, care of lights, . . . . .	22 65
T. G. Whiting, care of lights, . . . . .	15 40
C. W. Stanley, repairing street lamps, . . . . .	4 15
F. L. Jewell, " " " " . . . . .	1 70
H. B. Davis, " " " " . . . . .	1 50
L. A. Saville, oil, chimneys and glass, . . . . .	14 99
	<hr/> \$1,672 70

## CARY LIBRARY.

## RECEIPTS.

County Treasurer, dog tax, . . . . .	\$488 70
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## EXPENDITURE.

Treasurer Cary Library, . . . . .	\$488 70
	<hr/> \$488 70

## CONSTABLES AND POLICE.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . . . . .	\$2,000 00
Amount expended, . . . . .	\$1,920 50
Balance unexpended, . . . . .	79 50
	<hr/> \$2,000 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Henry E. Bishop, Police, . . . . .	\$912 50
Henry E. Bishop, circulating Town Warrant, . . . . .	12 00
D. P. Mahoney, police, . . . . .	912 50
J. A. Mitchell, police duty July 4 and 5, . . . . .	5 00
E. L. McNamara, " " " 4 and 5, . . . . .	5 00
P. F. Dacey, " " " 4 and 5, . . . . .	5 00
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*Amount carried forward,* \$1,852 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,852 00
Geo. H. Thurston, police duty, 4 and 5,	5 00
E. J. B. Nourse, " " 4 and 5,	5 00
Walter Wellington, circulating Town Reports and summoning Jurymen,	23 00
A. S. Mitchell, police duty, notifying Town, summoning Jurymen,	35 50
	<u>\$1,920 50</u>

## ASSESSORS.

RECEIPTS.	
Appropriated and assessed for 1887,	\$425 00
Amount expended,	\$425 00
EXPENDITURES.	
J. F. Simonds,	\$170 00
H. B. Davis,	120 00
Walter Wellington,	120 00
W. Wallcott, carriage hire,	15 00
	<u>\$425 00</u>

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.	
Appropriated and assessed for 1887,	\$300 00
EXPENDITURES.	
A. W. Bryant,	\$100 00
E. P. Bliss,	100 00
Ellen A. Stone,	100 00
	<u>\$300 00</u>

## MEMORIAL DAY.

RECEIPTS.	
Appropriated and assessed for 1887,	\$100 00
Excess of expenditure over receipts,	5 75
	<u>\$105 75</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Geo. G. Meade Post,	\$20 00
Allen's Band,	55 00
L. G. Babcock, flowers,	30 75
	<u>\$105 75</u>

## IMPROVEMENT OF THE COMMON.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated from cash in Treasury,	\$225 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

J. S. Munroe, labor and ashes,	\$121 50
L. A. Saville, labor,	28 23
Ames Plow Co., lawn mower and edging knife,	13 25
	<u>\$162 98</u>

## TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887,	\$500 00
Excess of expenditure over receipts,	100 00
	<u>\$600 00</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

C. T. West, balance due 1885,	\$100 00
C. T. West, balance due 1886,	100 00
E. S. Spaulding,	400 00
	<u>\$600 00</u>

## OAKLAND STREET EXTENSION.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated,	\$200 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

E. P. Bliss, building and grading,	\$200 00
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## READING ROOM AT EAST LEXINGTON.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . . .	\$250 00	
Bequest of Caira Robbins, . . . . .	11 92	
Excess of expenditure over receipts, . . .	45 00	
	<hr/>	\$306 92

## EXPENDITURES.

Ellen Dana, . . . . .	\$260 00	
School Committee, fuel, . . . . .	35 00	
E. P. Bliss, Treasurer Cary Library, be- quest Caira Robbins, . . . . .	11 92	
	<hr/>	\$306 92

## SELECTMEN IN THEIR VARIOUS CAPACITIES.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . . .	\$800 00	
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## EXPENDITURES.

Webster Smith, . . . . .	\$250 00	
Chas. T. West, . . . . .	250 00	
A. W. Bryant, . . . . .	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$800 00

## GAMMELL LEGACY.

## RECEIPTS.

Interest Trust Fund, . . . . .	\$35 00	
Balance from 1886, . . . . .	89 94	
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Amount expended, . . . . .	\$56 99	
Balance unexpended, . . . . .	67 95	
	<hr/>	\$124 94

## EXPENDITURES.

F. H. Lippincott & Co., lounge, . . . . .	\$5 86	
Fruit and medicine, . . . . .	11 50	
Bailey & Rankin, carpets, . . . . .	16 88	
Boston Branch Grocery, . . . . .	81	
Christmas dinner, . . . . .	14 90	
C. A. Butters & Co., oranges, etc., . . .	1 04	
P. C. Royce, curtains, . . . . .	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$56 99

## INTEREST.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . . .	\$1,700 00	
On deposit, . . . . .	111 34	
On overdue taxes, . . . . .	172 34	
Excess of expenditures over receipts, . .	35 99	
	<hr/>	\$2,019 67

## EXPENDITURES.

State Treasurer, . . . . .	\$1,057 67	
Treasurer Cary Library, . . . . .	660 00	
Treasurer Cemetery Trust Fund, . . . .	147 00	
Treasurer Bridge Fund, . . . . .	120 00	
Treasurer Gammell Legacy, . . . . .	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,019 67

## JANITORS TOWN AND VILLAGE HALLS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . . .	\$450 00	
Excess of expenditures over receipts, . .	25 04	
	<hr/>	\$475 04

## EXPENDITURES.

Geo. H. Thurston, Janitor Town Hall, . .	\$425 04	
Walter Wellington, Janitor Village Hall,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$475 04

## REMOVING SNOW.

## EXPENDITURES.

J. Donovan, . . . . .	\$11 62	
J. Reynolds, . . . . .	6 37	
A. N. Tufts, . . . . .	19 50	
C. McEnroe, . . . . .	1 50	
Peter Parks, . . . . .	3 30	
		<u>\$42 29</u>

## CELEBRATION 19th APRIL.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated from cash in Treasury, . . .	\$100 00	
		<u>\$100 00</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Geo. O. Whiting, Treasurer, . . . . .	\$100 00	
		<u>\$100 00</u>

## NEW HOSE.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . . .	\$570 00	
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## EXPENDITURES.

W. A. Turner, . . . . .	\$570 00	
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## TOWN DEBT.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . . .	\$600 00	
Appropriated from cash in Treasury, . . .	2,000 00	
		<u>\$2,600 00</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

State Treasurer, . . . . .	\$2,600 00	
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## STATE TAX.

Paid State Treasurer, . . . . .	\$3,532 50
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## COUNTY TAX.

Paid County Treasurer, . . . . .	\$1,651 84
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## DRAINING AROUND THE COMMON.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated from cash in Treasury, . . .	\$350 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

Highway Surveyors, . . . . .	\$350 00
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## CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . . .	\$600 00	
Lyman Lawrence, . . . . .	30 00	
Mrs. E. B. Lane, . . . . .	36 89	
H. G. O. Bowers, . . . . .	16 35	
Mrs. Grace A. Sampson, . . . . .	12 22	
N. W. Jenney, . . . . .	2 15	
Jenney & Brown, . . . . .	16 80	
Hammon Reed, . . . . .	32 34	
C. F. Smith, . . . . .	5 20	
E. S. Locke, . . . . .	16 71	
E. A. Stone, . . . . .	21 91	
E. J. Cogswell, . . . . .	12 84	
L. W. Wright, . . . . .	37 05	
		<u>\$840 46</u>

Amount expended, . . . . .	\$615 91	
Balance unexpended, . . . . .	224 55	
		<u>\$840 46</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

D. F. Tripp, concreting, . . . . . \$615 91.

## TOWN CLERK.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . . . \$100 00

## EXPENDITURES.

L. A. Saville, . . . . . \$100 00

## TREASURER OF CARY LIBRARY.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . . . \$50 00

## EXPENDITURES.

E. P. Bliss, . . . . . \$50 00

## LIBRARIAN CARY LIBRARY.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . . . \$400 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Grace S. Wellington, . . . . . \$400 00

## CEMETERY.

## RECEIPTS.

Sale of lots, . . . . . \$331 00

## EXPENDITURES.

C. A. Butters & Co., gravel and oil bbl.	\$5 95
Bailey Bros., painting hearse house, . .	25 00
Lexington Water Co., . . . . .	15 00
N. A. Martin, grading, . . . . .	65 56
Chelmsford Foundry Co., post, . . .	4 40
C. T. West, Commission State lots, . .	33 10
C. T. West, Superintendent, . . . . .	10 00
T. H. Bowen, labor, . . . . .	71 50
T. H. Bowen, Committee, . . . . .	10 00
L. W. Wright, " . . . . .	10 00
A. S. Mitchell, " . . . . .	10 00

Amount expended, . . . . .	\$260 51
Balance unexpended, . . . . .	70 49

\$331 00

## FUEL AND LIGHTS FOR TOWN AND VILLAGE HALLS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . . . \$400 00

Amount expended, . . . . .	\$372 30
Balance unexpended, . . . . .	27 70

\$400 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Lexington Gas Light Co., . . . . .	\$240 30
W. A. Pierce, coal, . . . . .	125 00
John Hanahan, charcoal, . . . . .	7 00

\$372 30

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . . . \$350 00



Amount expended, . . . . .	\$335 00	
Balance unexpended, . . . . .	15 00	
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## EXPENDITURE.

J. N. Ham, . . . . .	\$335 00
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## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . .	\$100 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

L. G. Babcock, . . . . .	\$25 00	
L. A. Saville, . . . . .	25 00	
Geo. O. Smith, . . . . .	25 00	
B. C. Witcher, . . . . .	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

## RINGING BELLS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . .	\$70 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

Wm. Ham, . . . . .	\$35 00	
Aug. Childs, . . . . .	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$70 00

## NEW STREET, NEAR BLOOMFIELD STREET.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated from cash in treasury, . .	\$200 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

E. McNamara, labor, . . . . .	\$131 75	
Wm. E. Denham, smithing, . . . . .	5 85	
Geo. H. Sampson, powder and fuse, . . .	13 10	
	<hr/>	\$150 70

## HYDRANTS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . .	\$1,540 00
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Amount expended, . . . . .	\$1,519 30	
Balance unexpended, . . . . .	20 70	
	<hr/>	\$1,540 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Lexington Water Company, . . . . .	\$1,519 30
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## STATE AID.

## RECEIPTS.

State of Massachusetts, . . . . .	\$324 00	
Excess of expenditure over receipts, . .	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$327 00

## EXPENDITURES.

G. A. Page, . . . . .	\$58 00	
Thomas Burke, . . . . .	60 00	
Emily Earle, . . . . .	48 00	
Ursula M. Bullard, . . . . .	48 00	
Eliza McCreesh, . . . . .	48 00	
Thomas Cosgrove, . . . . .	33 00	
Lydia Kinnaston, . . . . .	28 00	
Annie McCarty, . . . . .	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$327 00

## PRINTING.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . .	\$250 00	
Excess of expenditure over receipts, . .	24 40	
		\$274 40

## EXPENDITURES.

William Kellaway, town report, . . .	\$190 40	
Rockwell and Churchill, printing, . . .	12 30	
C. S. Parker, printing, . . . . .	71 70	
		\$274 40

## AUDITORS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1887, . .	\$45 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

H. B. Sampson, . . . . .	\$22 50	
Gershon Swan, . . . . .	22 50	
		\$45 00

## TEMPORARY LOANS.

Borrowed of State Treasurer, . . . . .	\$8,500 00
Paid, October 26, 1887, . . . . .	2,500 00
Paid, July 25, 1887, . . . . .	3,000 00
Paid, September 2, 1887, . . . . .	3,000 00
	\$8,500 00

## RECAPITULATION.

## CASH RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1887, . . . . .	\$1,316 25
State School Fund, and sundry receipts, .	233 14
Amount carried forward,	\$1,549 39

## Amount brought forward,

	\$1,549 39
Support of the Poor, . . . . .	826 00
Highways, . . . . .	350 00
Fire Department, . . . . .	22 64
Contingent, . . . . .	6,304 72
County Treasurer, Dog tax, . . . . .	488 70
Reading Room at East Lexington, . . . .	11 92
Gammell Legacy, . . . . .	35 00
Interest, . . . . .	283 68
Concrete Sidewalks, . . . . .	240 46
Cemetery, . . . . .	331 00
State Aid, . . . . .	324 00
Temporary Loan, . . . . .	8,500 00
Taxes of 1885, . . . . .	476 63
Taxes of 1886, . . . . .	4,866 38
Taxes of 1887, . . . . .	30,721 34
	\$55,331 86

## CASH EXPENDITURES.

Schools, . . . . .	\$10,250 02
Repairing Buildings at Poor Farm, . . .	310 79
Support of the Poor, . . . . .	2,743 20
Highways, . . . . .	4,363 80
Fire Department, . . . . .	858 29
Contingent, . . . . .	2,958 62
Street Lights, . . . . .	1,672 79
Cary Library, Dog tax, . . . . .	488 70
Constable and Police, . . . . .	1,920 50
Assessors, . . . . .	425 00
School Committee, . . . . .	300 00
Memorial Day, . . . . .	105 75
Improvement of the Common, . . . . .	162 98
Treasurer and Collector, . . . . .	600 00
Oakland Extension, . . . . .	200 00
Reading Room at East Lexington, . . . .	306 92
Selectmen, . . . . .	800 00
Gammell Legacy, . . . . .	56 99

## Amount carried forward,

\$28,524 35

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$28,524 35
Interest, . . . . .	2,019 67
Janitors Town and Village Halls, . . . .	475 04
Removing Snow, . . . . .	42 29
19th of April Celebration, . . . . .	100 00
New Hose, . . . . .	570 00
Town Debt, . . . . .	2,600 00
State Tax, . . . . .	3,532 50
County Tax, . . . . .	1,651 84
Draining around Common . . . . .	350 00
Concrete Sidewalks . . . . .	615 91
Town Clerk . . . . .	100 00
Treasurer Cary Library, . . . . .	50 00
Librarian Cary Library, . . . . .	400 00
Cemetery, . . . . .	260 51
Fuel and Light, Town and Village Halls, .	372 30
Superintendent of Schools, . . . . .	335 00
Registrars, . . . . .	100 00
Ringing Bells, . . . . .	70 00
New Street near Bloomfield Street, . . .	150 70
Hydrants, . . . . .	1,519 30
State Aid, . . . . .	327 00
Printing, . . . . .	274 40
Auditors, . . . . .	45 00
Temporary loan, . . . . .	8,500 00
Balance, . . . . .	2,346 05
	<hr/> \$55,331 86

GERSHOM SWAN, }  
 HILMAN B SAMPSON, } *Auditors.*

LEXINGTON, February 1, 1888.

#### NOTE.

The Auditors find it impossible, from the Treasurer's books, to give to the Town so clear a statement of the various accounts as they desire, and is

probably expected of them, from the fact that in the manner in which they are, and have been kept in former years, there is a confusion, if we may so call it, caused principally by balances, certain appropriations, etc., which the books do not always show.

Now, while there is no doubt that the books have been honestly and correctly kept, we think there should be a change in the methods employed, for the benefit and convenience of the Treasurer, as well as for the whole Town; and would recommend the following:

Let the Town Treasurer, on February 1st, 1888, credit to Contingent account all money actually on hand; also the amount of uncollected Taxes. Then when the appropriations are made for the current year, open an account for every such appropriation, and credit it with the amount; and whenever such appropriation is made from money in the Treasury, let the Selectmen give the Treasurer an order, properly approved, to transfer from Contingent Account to credit of the account for which it is made; and in NO case allow the Treasurer to pay from *any* account a sum in excess of the amount to the credit of such account. But if in the judgment of the Selectmen it is necessary to expend on any account more than is to the credit of such account, let the Selectmen be authorized by a vote of the Town to direct the Treasurer, *by a duly approved order*, to transfer from the Contingent Account, or some other account which has an unexpended balance to its credit, such a sum as they may consider necessary.

If this method, or one similar in character, is adopted, and strictly adhered to, the books will show at all times the amount available for any particular purpose, as well as the total available funds of the Town.

GERSHOM SWAN,  
HILMAN B. SAMPSON, } *Auditors.*

# REPORTS

OF THE

## *SCHOOL COMMITTEE*

AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF LEXINGTON,

FOR THE YEAR 1887-1888.



BOSTON :

W. KELLAWAY, BOOK PRINTER, 30 EXCHANGE STREET.

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1888.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

### *To the Inhabitants of Lexington:*

During the past year your School Committee have felt that some recent experiments in our school system should be allowed to work out their results without interruption, consequently few changes have been made, and these only with a view to assist improvements already initiated.

We are convinced that it was a wise measure on the part of the Town to recommend the appointment of a Superintendent of Schools, and we consider ourselves fortunate in the intelligent interest Mr. Ham has brought to his duties. He has succeeded in further grading the work, and in enlightening the teachers in improved methods of instruction. His frequent visits to schools have been supplemented by teachers' meetings, conducted by himself, which have done much in calling critical attention to special branches of instruction, and in securing uniformity of work. There has resulted a spirit in their profession helpful to the teachers themselves.

The quietness and regularity with which our schools are carried on with superintendent and teachers specially trained, and text-books supplied at public expense, is the reason perhaps for a

seeming decline of parental attention to schools; this is unfortunate and should be remedied. Comparatively few parents have visited our schools during the past year. Formerly they were attracted at stated times by public examinations which are now omitted because generally considered to be misleading displays and unprofitable disturbances of school work. The best examinations of schools comes from witnessing daily not exceptional work. It is desirable that all interested in education, and especially parents, should visit schools often, and expect to observe only the work appointed for the hour. From such active expression of interest would spring a knowledge enabling parents intelligently to consider changes that the Committee make or recommend to the Town. Your Committee and teachers desire suggestions and approval, and respect censure if arising from intelligent personal observation. Frequently pupils, under misinformed home influence, adopt a course of conduct hurtful to themselves and the discipline of the school. Let every parent know by visitation the atmosphere of the school-rooms, the sanitary condition of the building, the manner of recitations, the deportment of pupils, the degree of courtesy prevailing between teacher and scholars, and the earnestness of the teacher. He will appreciate the necessity of regular attendance; and there will result fewer absences with the approval of parents, and an added stimulus to the children. The need of cordial relations between school and parental authorities is most important in the case of that large proportion of children whose school-life ends in the

lower grades. Within a few years the character of our population has entirely changed in some districts; children of foreign parentage are almost exclusively the pupils of three of our four district schools. It is of the utmost importance that these parents should set a due value upon public schools, and that their children should remain in school as long as possible enjoying their tasks and progress. Education at public expense finds its weightiest argument in the necessity to the state of intelligent citizens. Our schools should be designed for such mental drill and development as shall bring to the employments of life an intelligence which shall become a source of continuous enlightenment; and the adaptation of our prescribed courses of instruction to the needs of all conditions of people may profitably be always an open question.

Last summer every applicant for admission to the High School from district schools was found unqualified. Teachers in these schools have too great variety of classes, and the schools do not furnish advantages equal to those of the center. Hence your Committee have had to consider whether some schools ought not be closed and the scholars brought at public expense to enlarged quarters in the Hancock and Adams school-houses; or whether they should be continued only as subordinate to the Grammar Schools, and the peculiar needs of the pupils specially provided for. We have advised all scholars in the district schools proposing to enter the High School to qualify themselves by taking the last year in the Grammar Schools. The question of closing

district schools altogether is further prompted by these considerations: the difficulty in inducing the best teachers to assume charge of them, the embarrassment in finding suitable boarding places in the neighborhood, and the small salaries we pay. We have learned of the favorable experiences of other towns in bringing together children from the remote sections. Within a few years a new building in place of the Hancock School-house will be a sanitary necessity. The Adams School-house now accommodates two schools; it has rooms for three. Consolidated graded schools in two large and convenient buildings ought not to cost as much as all our schools do at present, and something might remain to meet the expense of conveyance. Then with a superior corps of teachers in carefully graded schools, with systematized instruction, all our children could gain much in an educational way. The Committee call the attention of the Town to this matter, not because we recommend immediate measures, but that when the imperative time shall come public opinion may be actuated by thoughtful conviction. For this reason we urge that schools should be visited.

We have found the sum of ten thousand dollars granted by the Town for the maintenance of public schools liberal and sufficient, and we recommend that the same sum be appropriated for the ensuing year.

ALBERT W. BRYANT,  
ELLEN A. STONE,  
EDWARD P. BLISS,  
*School Committee.*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

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*To the School Committee, Lexington, Mass.:*

I have the honor to submit to you, as required, my Second Annual Report as Superintendent of Schools.

### SOME COMMENTS ON SCHOOL-WORK.

During the past year the endeavor has been made to advance the character of the work done in our schools. It may be affirmed, I hope, that the endeavor put forth in this direction has not been unavailing, and that better and more fruitful results have been reached than heretofore. Still, what has been gained is below what can be gained and considerably less, in some instances, than, perhaps, might have reasonably been expected. I would not ascribe any shortcomings to indifference nor lack of effort on the part of anyone concerned; but rather to misdirected effort, a misunderstanding and misapplication of the methods, means and conditions necessary to insure the most desirable ends.

Teachers, it may be, fall too readily into a monotonous and dreary routine, reducing to formulas everything susceptible of such reduction, until the spirit that should animate and invigorate their work be-

comes buried in forms staled and out of use. I do not say that this is the case in any of our schools. I think it is not; and it is to be hoped that no one has been dangerously near such a condition. Yet, since such strides have been made, in recent years, in improved methods of education, and since our Town has bestowed comparatively slight attention on the study of these methods and their successful application, it cannot be otherwise than that we are lagging in the onward movement.

No teacher will presume on such attainments in his profession that he is unable to improve. The teachers that have achieved greatest excellence, usually are most conscious of the incompleteness of their professional acquirements, and so express themselves. Said Kant, the celebrated philosopher, "I regard the teacher's profession as more difficult than any other to master." The difficulties referred to are not those commonly counted as such. Kant's remark had in view a proper distinction between education and instruction, and the acquisition of information. He would require the teacher to know something of the laws of the mind, psychology, so that he may draw out and strengthen the pupil's intellectual faculties. He would demand that the teacher should be able, by the employment of scientific methods, to send his pupils out into the world possessed of the ability to think and investigate with some degree of logical sequence.

Now, some persons are "natural" teachers, because through their own struggles to win an *education*, they have learned in some measure, how to assist



others in their studies. Those who regard the storing up of facts alone, mere information, as an educative process, never become successful teachers. Such instructors train the memory chiefly, to the detriment of the other powers of the mind. Those who taught us to examine independently, and to reflect upon our observations, are the teachers to whom we refer in later years as having been especially helpful to us.

It would become a lawyer, quite as well, to conclude his professional education on his admission to the bar, as for a teacher to consider his professional education complete when he has finished a Normal School course. Success, in either instance, will depend largely upon the persistency with which additional skill is sought, and the path pursued in seeking it.

So much space has been devoted to what may be termed professional needs, since it seemed unwise to ignore such radical means as are necessary to hasten and effect positive improvement in school-work. It would surely be hard for a teacher to give too much attention to the mastery of his profession. There has never been any complaint from any quarter that such an instance has ever been discovered.

While considering this matter it may not be amiss, *by way of caution*, to direct attention to a very misleading, and sometimes mischievous practice, followed more or less by a certain class of teachers to be found in many towns and cities. It is the practice of introducing each day, or frequently, into the midst of what should be systematic work, some new, strange and fanciful, or unrelated topics, objects, or subjects of

inquiry. Children are too easily diverted, and may enjoy diversion. But mere diversion is very profitless in propagating the true work of education. We grant that school-work should be made as attractive and interesting as possible, providing, at the same time, it be educative and instructive. The frequent use of the diversions cited are the petty makeshifts of incompetent and slothful teachers, who occasionally win an undeserved name for superiority.

The mind, in its development and in its intellectual operations, is governed by well-known laws. It is the duty of every teacher to understand such of these laws as bear upon his work. To undertake to crowd into the pupil's mind a mass of undigested and dissociated facts or statements, and to denominate the process education, is worthy of the man who, when he offered his house for sale, carried a brick in his pocket as a specimen; or of that patient, who, because he found a proper amount of medicine curative, concluded that a large quantity would prove proportionally beneficial. It is very much like giving a stone when bread is asked.

#### READING.

In striving to promote the efficiency of school-work, Reading has received most attention. The ability of the pupil to grasp readily the thought placed before him on the printed page, is an essential factor in his progress. If he is obliged to struggle with every sentence, except the very short ones, before they give up their meaning to him, his health-

ful and hearty interest in his studies, and his rapid advancement are greatly obstructed.

From the first day the child enters school, its pathway is made pleasant and inviting. The reading exercises are of a nature designed to furnish enjoyment, as well as instruction. Freedom from any feeling of restraint, and naturalness of expression, are cultivated, and, to a measurable extent, obtained, though a difference in these particulars will be noted in different classes of the same grade.

The following method in Reading has been adopted for beginners: Some twenty-five words, which can be represented by objects held in the hand, are selected. The teacher uses these objects to secure the attention and win the confidence of the children; and, in describing the objects, seeks to draw out voluntary expressions, always in full sentences. The personal pronouns, a few verbs, and adjectives, are taught in this way. The object is to make the children talk. When they have gained confidence to talk with ease and fluency, and to ask questions,—which requires a week or two weeks,—their expressions are written upon the blackboard in script. The sentences are made very simple at first, by using “I have,” or “I see,” with each word represented by the objects. As soon as the characters become intelligible, which results from constant repetition, after a few days, the onward steps are easy and attractive. New words are added each day, until, at the end of five months, the children have learned from two hundred to three hundred words, which they can read at sight in easy com-

bination. In particular are they required to read with *natural expression and without hesitation*.

To attain proficiency in reading, requires much activity and enthusiasm on the part of the teacher. She must enter heartily into the work, imparting spirit and zest to the exercise.

Rapid and accurate work should be the rule in reading and in numbers, in fact, in every exercise except writing and drawing. Pupils acquire the habit of thinking rapidly or slowly, according as they are trained. They will prove quite as accurate thinkers, if their mental processes are quick, as they will, if these processes are allowed to become sluggish. Rapid thought demands keen attention and activity of mind, invaluable habits. To foster such habits, the teacher must, of course, set the example, be ever alert, and awakening the minds about her. Anything short of this example will betray itself in the character of her school.

It is certain, that by stimulating and cultivating the habits indicated, most excellent results will follow, in reading, in numbers, or in language. It is not, however, by fitful, but by constant application of a method, or principle, that the quality of the work done is to be raised. There must be no relapsing. It may be added, that the only assurance of the faithful and proper application of any method in education, rests in the teacher's comprehension of the reasons underlying its use.

#### LANGUAGE.

The ability to describe objects orally, or in writ-

ing, in an orderly way and in language intelligible and precise, is a thing as rare as it is valuable. The lack of this ability is not in children alone, but it is painfully apparent in many adults. Serious misunderstandings often arise from defective and badly worded descriptions of things. The remedy for this defect lies in uniting a proper exercise of the perceptive faculties with judicious language-training. It should be begun early, and continued until accurate observation of things becomes a habit, and reasonably exact and fluent expression is secured.

The difficulties in the way of devising a perfectly satisfactory plan for instruction in Language, have not yet been removed by those whose opportunities for testing methods have far exceeded ours. There is practical agreement as to the objects aimed at. The easiest, most direct, and most natural road is still to be laid out.

Some of the obstacles barring the way are the following: To what extent shall the merely mechanical building of sentences be incorporated in a scheme of language-work in order to obtain correctness; to what extent this process is to be blended with oral and written exercises, in order to secure correctness and fluency, is but another step in the solution of the problem; how far, as the work advances, the attempt to discriminate in the proper use of many common words, such as, *learn* and *teach*, *little* and *small*, *great* and *big*, *almost* and *nearly*, *vacant* and *empty*, etc., will be sure to occasion consideration; and, lastly, to what extent technical grammar may be judiciously introduced into the language work of the higher Prim-

ary and lower Grammar grades, all combine to yield enough uncertainty regarding any purposed scheme of instruction in this branch of school-work.

Because the problem presents some embarrassments, affords no excuse for neglecting its solution. A plan for training in language in all the grades has been placed before the teachers for their guidance. Doubtless its operation will suggest the direction in which it may be advantageously modified. The improvement in language-work during the past year has been apparent. Still much remains to be done.

#### GEOGRAPHY.

Radical changes in the study of Geography have been instituted. The basis of our present method is physical geography. With beginners the subject, at first, is taught very broadly. A proper sequence should be strictly observed. For instance, the outline of a continent is followed by a careful study of its relief, which leads to river systems, climate, soil, productions, etc. The differentiation of the human race depends chiefly upon natural physical distinctions. Hence the importance to the child in the studies of his maturer years, that his early training in this branch should be systematic and philosophical. It is to be understood, however, that the pupils are not encumbered with the reasons for the methods pursued.

I do not question that these changes will become instrumental, if carried out, in turning what to many has been a dismal task, into a positive enjoyment.

Certainly, nothing could be more ill-advised than to set beginners in geography to conning lessons from the text-book. The instruction, at first, and for a long time, should be oral, assisted by maps, globes, the surrounding country, and any objective aids. Above all other means of perception, children learn through the eyes; and through the eyes they should be introduced to the pleasures of geography. The teacher, with little ingenuity, is afforded so good an opportunity to make this subject *real*, it would seem that no child could find it uninviting. One can scarcely name a study better adapted to give healthful stimulus to the greedy imagination of childhood. And it is through this imagination, rightly guided, that some of the best attainments in geography and history are to be derived.

Good work in geography has already been begun, which is yielding the returns anticipated. The teachers have been greatly aided and encouraged by the beautiful wall-maps so wisely provided by the Committee.

#### WRITING.

Penmanship has received much more attention this year than heretofore, and marked improvement is to be noted. In teaching reading, the *word* is the unit. In teaching penmanship, the *letter* is the unit. The reason is evident. The child must concentrate his attention on one idea. A few, simple, easily defined principles enable the pupil to master the formation of each letter, when the letters are taken in

proper order; and, shortly, he is able to combine them into words. Were I to offer any criticism, I should remark, that there is liability of the teacher's being too ambitious in hastening on the systematic and thorough drill upon the letters. The order in which the letters shall be taken up and the time devoted to drill upon each letter, or set of letters, has been marked out and should be adhered to, unless conclusive reasons can be assigned for any deviation.

#### OTHER WORK.

In the Grammar Schools, Arithmetic is being so well taught that no suggestions have been made further than those made in the course of study.

The study of technical Grammar has been confined to the First and Second Grammar classes. The use of correct language, as may be inferred, is not omitted till so late a period, but commences with the child's entrance into the school, so that, we believe, the true object for which Grammar is studied is more adequately subserved now than when four years, without previous language-exercises, were allotted to technical Grammar.

The study of History is being greatly simplified and furthered by the introduction of Primary Histories for supplementary reading, into some of the lower grades. Before its regular study is entered upon, an interesting acquaintance has been formed with a few, at least, of the great men and events of our country; and, besides, the subject has been so handled that the pupil has imbibed no dislike for the study.

Considering the multifarious duties of the Grammar school teachers, including a large amount of written work to be inspected, the standing at which those schools are maintained is to be commended. I do not, in thus speaking of the Grammar schools, presume to place them in contrast or comparison with any other school, or schools. Other teachers might, with equal propriety, be commended.

Drawing and Music have not been given so much time as their importance would justify, but chiefly such time as could be spared from other pressing and manifold duties. Music, having been taught for several years under the direction of an instructor, stands much ahead of Drawing in the quality of the work accomplished.

#### AIDS TO SCHOOL WORK.

The schools below the High School have, since the beginning of the year, been provided with many needful aids. These appliances have been urgently called for, because every school was almost destitute of all ordinary means of instruction beyond the text-books in the hands of the pupils. It is needless to state that these aids are procured only by the expenditure of money. Yet the money so expended has been wisely bestowed. As the maps and reference books will last several years, the average cost for each year is trifling.

As the financial ability of the Committee will permit, it will be very fitting and helpful to increase the furniture of the schools, thereby contributing to

their broader usefulness. It is quite as imperative that a school-room should be well equipped, as that a carpenter's shop should be properly supplied with the tools of his trade. Limitations in either case will contract the scope of possible work, as well as induce imperfect results.

The interest evinced by others, which the supplying of maps, books, etc., demonstrates, dignifies his own importance in the eyes of each pupil. He thinks himself worthy of better endeavor, because others judge him worthy of better helps to his efforts. *The best you can do for the school children will not be undervalued.* Girls and boys are very keen in estimating the regard in which they are held, and also gratefully value considerations that are to benefit them. It is not easy to do too much for them in the line of school accessories.

#### PROMOTIONS.

Permit me to suggest that there is need of more careful discrimination in the promotion of pupils from grade to grade. Manifestly, it is unreasonable to expect that all pupils in a class are equally prepared to advance, particularly when there has been a great difference in regularity of attendance.

It is wrong every way, in theory and in practice, to advance pupils, especially in the lower grades, until they are qualified for higher work. Above all does the pupil himself suffer. Besides the extreme liability to create a distaste for study, on account of bringing his mind in contact with work beyond his

grasp, which inclines him to shirk at every opportunity, it is a fruitful source of disastrous mental habits. A pupil so placed is always laboring at disadvantage, and with no sufficiently clear perception of what is required of him.

Because of the manner in which the pupils in our schools have, for the most part, been promoted, we find them in many of the grades a year or two younger than the children of corresponding grades in schools in which promotions are granted, after, and only after, prescribed work has been well done. No one will surely claim for our pupils such surpassing capacity as this disparity in years in the co-ordinate grades would seem to imply.

It is a grave error to conclude that it is a fine achievement for a boy to complete the course of study and leave school at a comparatively early age. Parents are too often, it is to be regretted, unwisely proud of the imaginary attainments of their children, fancying that the children have early won what cost themselves toil and trouble when long past the age at which the children are supposed to have surmounted all obstacles in their way. The pathway has, in many respects, been improved; but strength of mind is a growth; and *time* is an important element in that growth. Give the child ample time to develop, and, if he is not promoted every year, it will, ultimately and immediately, accrue to his benefit.

#### ATTENDANCE.

It is gratifying to note that the attendance, during

the current year, has improved. Last year showed an improvement in this particular over the preceding year. For the year ending Jan. 31, '86, the percentage of attendance in Lexington was .70-38. That year, our Town ranked 45 among the 54 towns and cities of Middlesex Co. For the year ending Jan 31, '87, the percentage of attendance was .74-57; Lexington ranking 40 in the County. For the same period, Concord exhibits a per cent of .88; Arlington, of .85; Bedford, of .82; Winchester, of .89; Belmont, of .84, while Waltham shows a percentage of .94. I am unable to state what percentage of attendance we have reached during the year just expiring.

These figures are quoted to prove that the Committee in previous years have not been amiss in calling the attention of parents to the desirability of securing punctuality on the part of their children. It makes much difference what habits a boy or girl forms during school-life. If, at its close, they take with them into the activities of the world well settled habits of promptitude, perseverance, application, and industry, they will have acquired whatever else of good was possible to be obtained, and will be certain to become no burden on society.

Many, most instances of tardiness have been ascertained to be wholly inexcusable. This fact needs no comment, declaring in itself that this evil may be remedied.

Teachers are expected to bring their schools up to a certain standard of excellence. The patrons of the school expect this; the School Committee demand it. How can the required standard be attained

unless the pupils shall be present whenever possible? Absence and tardiness, moreover, stimulate indolence, and a distaste for study. In truth, they draw many evils in their train. Is it unfair or unreasonable, that the teacher should urge that she shall be accorded every favorable condition to promote the welfare of her school? It is as harmful in its way for pupils to be absent from school as for men to be absent from their business. Concerning the absence and tardiness of pupils, I am induced to believe this,—that the injury wrought thereby, not being felt by the parents, escapes the serious consideration of many. Were it otherwise, this remonstrance would be pointless, not to say unbecoming.

#### SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

It will be pardoned me, I trust, for directing attention to what is so often an unpopular subject,—any extraordinary expenditure of money. School-houses should not only be adapted to the requirements of health and convenience, but should, within and without, be made pleasing in appearance. The Adams School-house is the best in Town. It would cost a comparatively small sum to make its yard much more attractive than it now is. Assuredly, no one can derive much satisfaction from its present condition. It may be objected that whatever might be done in the way of adorning the premises would be destroyed. Experience goes to disprove this opinion. School children will hold cheap whatever is intended to be

made so; and will rate highly all liberal outlay in their behalf.

It would seem that the Town must shortly consider the propriety of giving the Hancock School more commodious and healthful quarters. The quarters it has so long occupied are ill-suited to school purposes. A new building, with more rooms, would render better classification of pupils possible and, consequently, insure greater efficiency in all grades.

I do not intend a lengthy discussion of this matter. In the discharge of my duties, it is incumbent upon me to make such suggestions and recommendations as are feasible and practicable; and that a Town or City should give its schools as good as it can justly afford, would not appear an unwarrantable assumption.

#### CONCLUSION.

I have not undertaken to portray in glowing and delusive colors the quality and character of the work which is being performed in our schools. Those School Reports that depict only marvelous excellences and point out trivial faults merely, or such conditions as, rightly viewed, are not faults, usually come from towns where the worst schools are to be sought, if at all. I have made a plain statement of what is being done, and, in a general way, of the manner in which the character of our work may be elevated. With scarcely an exception, the success of no teacher is commented upon. The work required of teachers is so unequal, and the circumstances controlling that work so various, that just comment would be almost impossible, not to say invidious.

I may, however, state that the school-work has been carried on with the utmost harmony and unanimity of all directly engaged in it. The teachers have desired to know what was required of them, and have sought to fulfil all expectations. On my part, I have tried to be sufficiently emphatic and precise in my recommendations.

I would fain tender my heartiest thanks to all, parents, committee, and teachers, who have co-operated with me in a pleasant but difficult task, prosecuted under no inconsiderable disadvantages.

Very respectfully submitted,

J. N. HAM,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

#### HIGH SCHOOL.—CLASSICAL COURSE.

##### FOURTH CLASS.

Latin Grammar and Reader . . . . .	40 weeks
Algebra . . . . .	40 "
Physics . . . . .	40 "

\*Arithmetic; \*English Composition; \*English Authors.

##### THIRD CLASS.

Cæsar . . . . .	40 weeks
Geometry . . . . .	40 "
Chemistry . . . . .	40 "

\*Arithmetic; \*English Composition; \*English Authors.

Pupils preparing for college will take Greek in place of Chemistry.

\*One recitation each week in each of the subjects marked with an asterisk. Four recitations weekly in each of the other subjects.

##### JUNIOR CLASS.

Cicero . . . . .	40 weeks
History . . . . .	40 "
English Literature . . . . .	40 "

\*Arithmetic; \*English Grammar; \*English Authors.

Pupils preparing for college will take Greek in place of English Literature.

##### SENIOR CLASS.

Virgil . . . . .	40 weeks
English Literature . . . . .	40 "
French . . . . .	40 "

In place of French, pupils may elect Rhetoric and Composition for twenty weeks, and Civil Government for twenty weeks.

\*Arithmetic; \*Rhetoric; \*English Authors.

Pupils preparing for college will take Greek in place of English Literature.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.—ENGLISH COURSE.

##### FOURTH CLASS.

Algebra . . . . .	40 weeks
Physics . . . . .	40 "
English Literature with written work, twenty weeks	} 40 "
Bookkeeping, twenty weeks . . . . .	

\*Arithmetic; \*English Composition; \*English Authors.

##### THIRD CLASS.

Geometry . . . . .	40 weeks
Chemistry . . . . .	40 "
Modern English Authors . . . . .	40 "

\*Arithmetic; \*English Composition; \*English Authors.

\*One recitation each week in each of the subjects marked with an asterisk. Four recitations weekly in each of the other subjects.



## JUNIOR CLASS.

History . . . . .	40 weeks
Geology, twenty weeks }	
Botany, twenty weeks }	40 "
English Literature . . . . .	40 "

\*Arithmetic; \*English Grammar; \*English Authors.

## SENIOR CLASS.

English Literature . . . . .	40 weeks
Rhetoric and Composition, twenty weeks }	
Civil Government, twenty weeks }	40 "
French . . . . .	40 "

\*Arithmetic; \*English Authors.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

*Neither absent nor tardy.*

FOR THE YEAR.—Martha E. Childs, Minnie P. Crowley, Alice M. Hunt, Chas. W. Berry, L. Ellsworth Pierce.

FOR THE HALF YEAR.—Alice G. Ballard, Gertrude F. Currier, Mary A. Fiske, Grace E. Goodwin, Julia M. Maynard, Jessie B. Whiting, Florence N. Wing, Joseph H. Fiske, Geo. L. Harrington, Richard Hinchey, Edw. P. Merriam, Carlton A. Shaw.

*Not absent.*

FOR THE HALF YEAR.—Peter J. Kineen, Michael J. Manley.

## HANCOCK GRAMMAR, FIRST AND SECOND GRADES.

*Neither absent nor tardy.*

FOR THE YEAR.—Arthur D. Stone.

\*One recitation each week in each of the subjects marked with an asterisk. Four recitations weekly in each of the other subjects.

FOR THE HALF YEAR.—Sarah A. Brown, Mary D. Hunt, Nellie Bacon, Ellen Callahan, Lizzie Corcoran, Alice S. Harrington, Kate Layne, Sadie M. Morse, Nell H. White, Seth P. Bachelder, Albert G. Berry, Frederick T. Lord.

## HANCOCK GRAMMAR, THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES.

*Neither absent nor tardy.*

FOR THE HALF YEAR.—Annie Brown, Mary D. Hunt, Alice Goodwin, Mary E. Manley, Rosie Morse, Lizzie Riley, Maude Robinson, Theodora M. Robinson, Lilla Vickery, Wm. Hunt, Alberto Jackson, G. Otis Jackson, Frederick T. Lord, Albert Peters, Wallace Humphrey.

## HANCOCK PRIMARY, FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES.

*Neither absent nor tardy.*

FOR THE HALF YEAR.—Lilla Vickery, Elden Griffin, Wallace Humphrey, Herbert Richardson, Eddie Robinson, Fred. H. Rogers.

*Not absent.*

FOR THE HALF YEAR.—Katie Griffin.

## HANCOCK PRIMARY, FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD GRADES.

*Neither absent nor tardy.*

FOR THE HALF YEAR.—Fred. H. Rogers, Timmie Leary.

## ADAMS GRAMMAR.

*Neither absent nor tardy.*

FOR THE YEAR.—Mabel Brown, Herbert Lowe, Miner Smith, Chas. Spaulding.

FOR THE HALF YEAR.—Cora Ball, Alice Fletcher, Lura Hall, Nellie White, Chas. O'Hara, Chas. Stone, John Stone.

## ADAMS PRIMARY.

*Neither absent nor tardy.*

FOR THE HALF YEAR.—Eva G. Lowe.

*Not absent.*

FOR THE HALF YEAR.—Annie Lawrence, Emily E. Stone,  
Frank W. Pierce.

BOWDITCH.

*Neither absent nor tardy.*

FOR THE HALF YEAR.—Esie Dacey, Mabel M. Paine, Con-  
stance Willard, Wm. H. Ballard, Chas. Burrell, Howard Dal-  
rymple.

FRANKLIN.

*Neither absent nor tardy.*

FOR THE HALF YEAR.—Elwood Jameson, Herman Fuller.

*Not absent.*

FOR THE HALF YEAR.—Julia Carroll, Mary Carroll.

HOWARD.

*Neither absent nor tardy.*

FOR THE YEAR.—Ellen Crowley.

*Not absent.*

FOR THE HALF YEAR.—Daisy Currier, Thos. Mansfield.

WARREN.

*Not absent.*

FOR THE HALF YEAR.—Nellie McCaffrey.

## TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS, ETC.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole Number of Pupils	Average Member- ship.	Average Attend- ance.	Per cent. of attend- ance.
High . . . . .	J. N. Ham . . . . . Helen A. Fiske . . . . .	59	44.06	42.78	.97
Hancock Grammar, First and Second Grades . . . . .	Hattie D. Hall . . . . .	67	35.5	34.39	.97
Hancock Grammar, Third and Fourth Grades . . . . .	Ellen B. Lane . . . . .	68	36.025	34.40	.95
Hancock Primary, First and Second Grades . . . . .	Ellen E. Harrington } Nellie H. Parker }	49	25.7	24.8	.96
Hancock Primary, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grades . . . . .	Amelia M. Mulliken . . . . .	62	35.	32.	.92
Adams Grammar . . . . .	Edith O. Rowe . . . . .	53	39.2	37.6	.96
Adams Primary . . . . .	Carrie F. Fiske . . . . .	53	34.7	31.9	.92
Bowditch . . . . .	Emma E. Wright . . . . .	56	30.	28.4	.95
Franklin . . . . .	Maria A. Butterfield } Mary E. Keohan } Annie Breen }	44	29.7	27.9	.94
Howard . . . . .	Nellie H. Parker } Carrie L. Knight } Maria A. Butterfield }	32	23.8	22.1	.93
Warren . . . . .	L. K. Eaton } Dora M. Morrell }	30	21.25	17.94	.84
Music Teacher . . . . .	E. Cutter, Jr. . . . .	All	the	pu-	pils.

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